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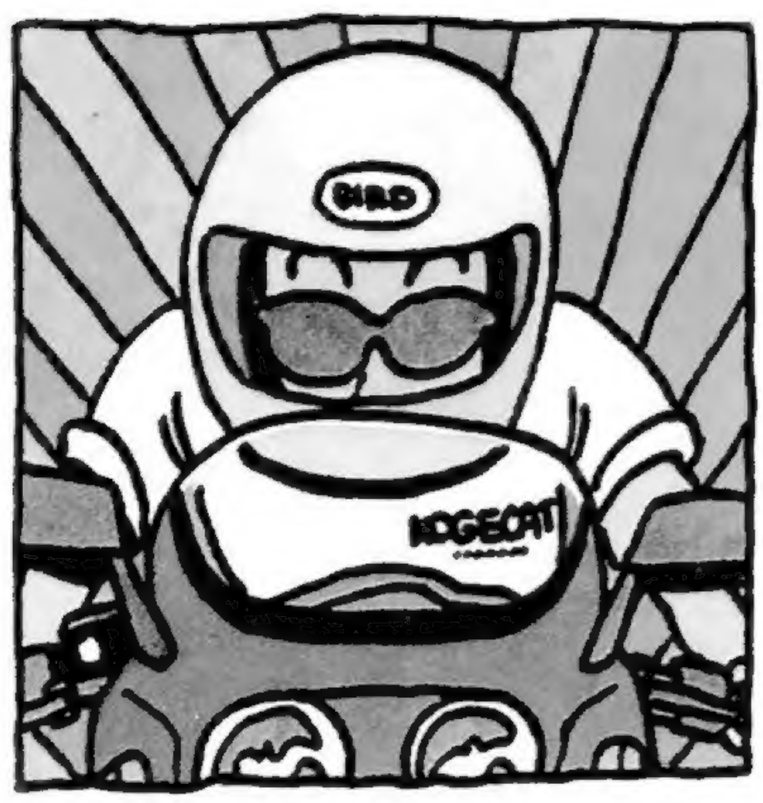

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On days when I have to ink **Dragon Ball**, I get up around noon, eat breakfast, and then around 1 p.m. I begin working together with my assistant Matsuyama. I take a break from 7 to 8 p.m. to eat dinner, walk my dog, and feed my bird. Matsuyama goes home around 9 p.m. and I continue to work while watching television. I usually take a bath around 11 p.m. and then after that I relax but I continue to do a bit more work. I will then go to sleep around 4 a.m. And that is what my inking days are like.

–Akira Toriyama, 1987

Artist/writer Akira Toriyama burst onto the manga scene in 1980 with the wildly popular **Dr. Slump**, a science fiction comedy about the adventures of a mad scientist and his android "daughter." In 1984 he created his hit series **Dragon Ball**, which ran until 1995 in Shueisha's bestselling magazine **Weekly Shonen Jump**, and was translated into foreign languages around the world. Since **Dragon Ball**, he has worked on a variety of short series, including **Cowa!**, **Kajika**, **Sand Land**, and **Neko Majin**, as well as a children's book, **Toccio the Angel**. He is also known for his design work on video games, particularly the **Dragon Warrior** RPG series. He lives with his family in Japan.

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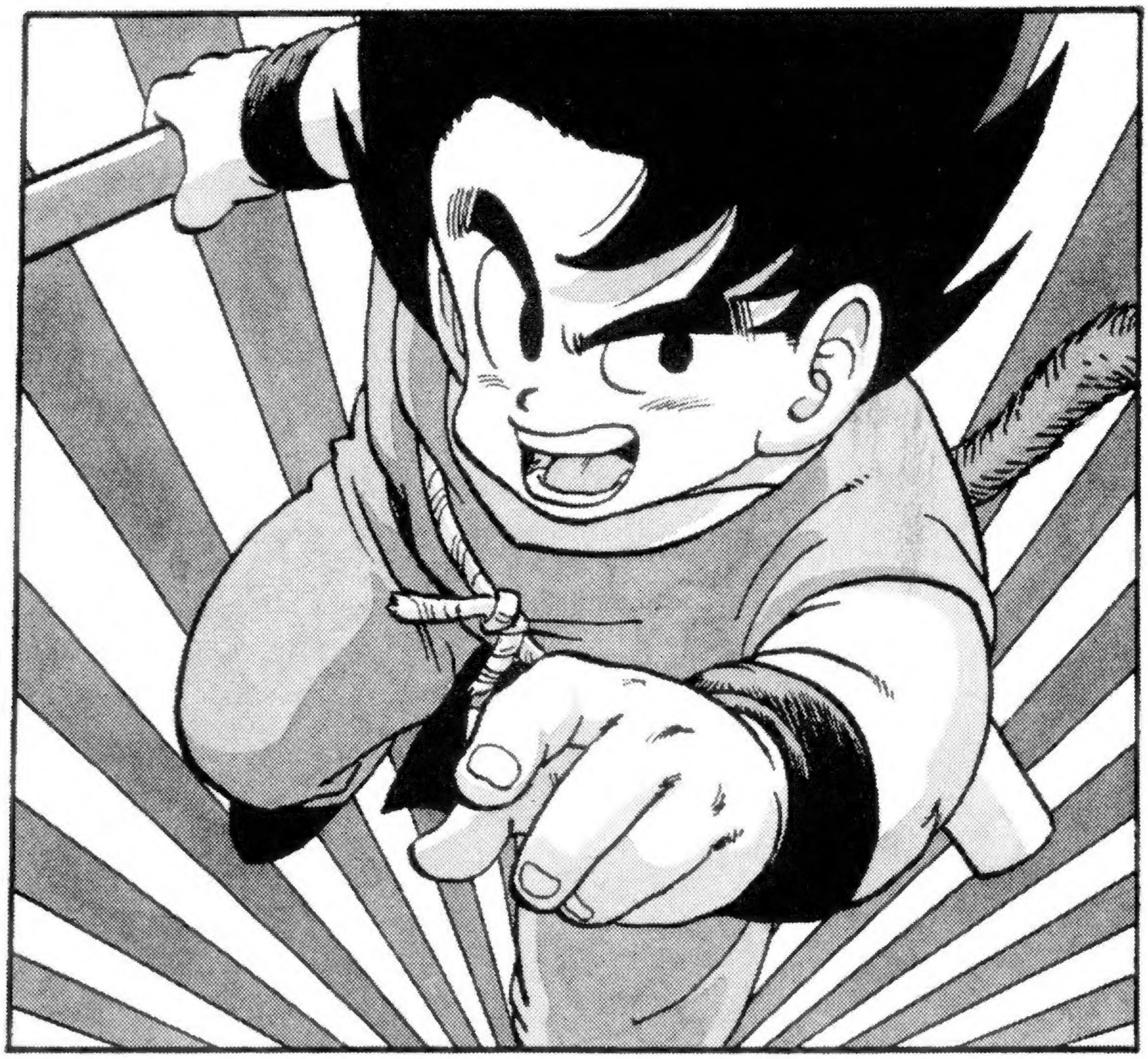

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THE MAIN CHARACTERS

Bulma

A genius inventor, Bulma met Goku on her quest for the seven magical Dragon Balls.

Son Goku

Monkey-tailed Son Goku has always been stronger than normal. His grandfather Gohan gave him the *nyoibô*, a magic staff, and Kame-Sen'nin gave him the *kinto'un*, a magic flying cloud.

Yamcha

Yamcha used to be a desert bandit, but he went to the city to be Bulma's on-and-off boyfriend. He uses "Fist of the Wolf-Fang" kung-fu. Pu'ar is his shapeshifting friend.

Lunch

A strange woman whose personality changes whenever she sneezes.

Kuririn

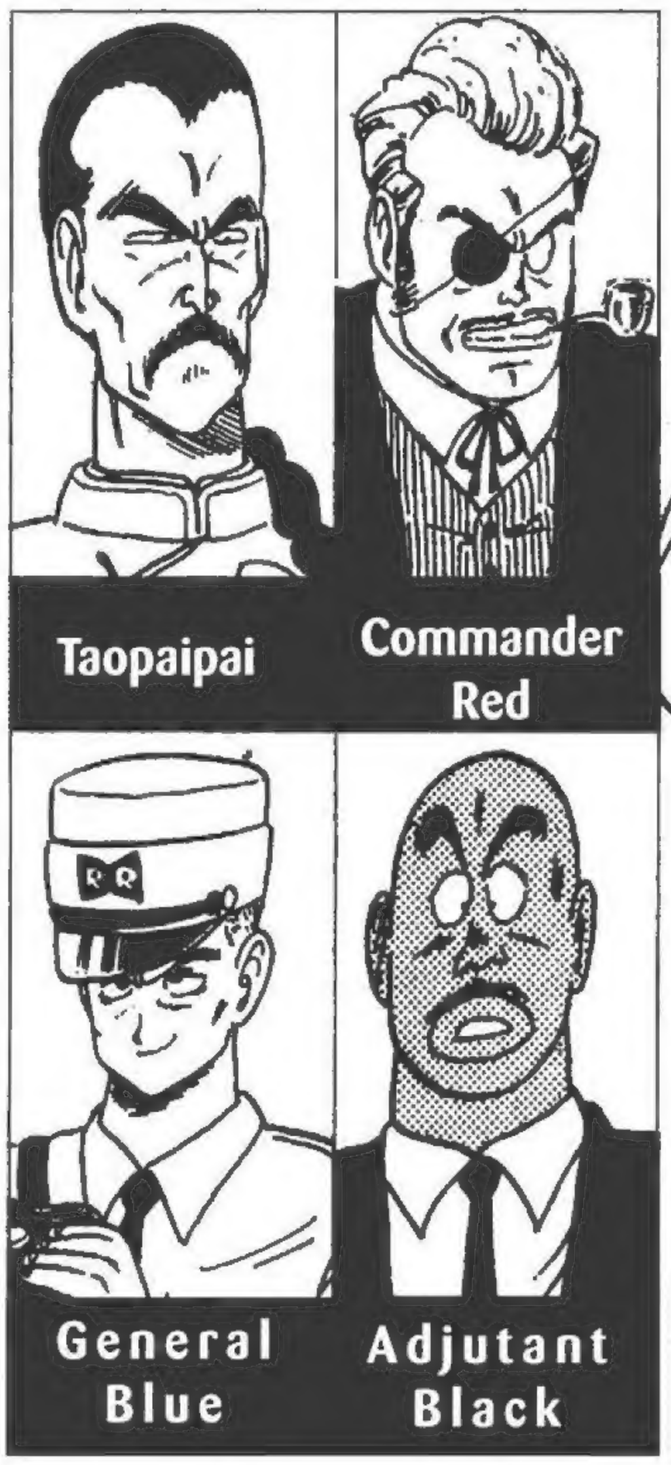
Goku's former martial arts school-mate under Kame-Sen'nin.

Commander Red

The ultimate authority of the Red Ribbon Army, he wants to gather all seven Dragon Balls so that his wish can be granted.

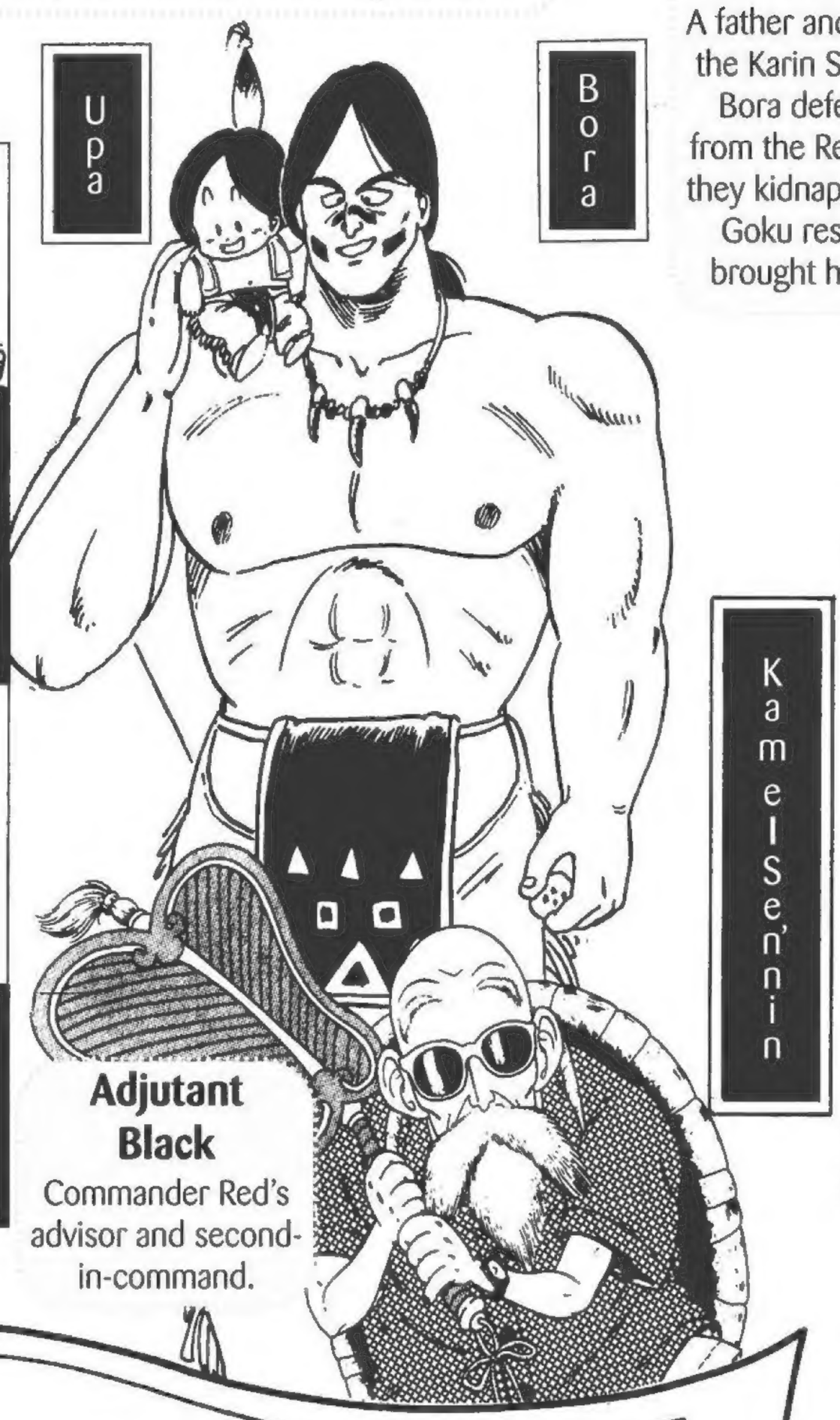
Taopaipai

The world's deadliest assassin.



General Blue

A cruel, vain sub-commander of the Red Ribbon Army. Goku defeated him, but General Blue managed to hang on to Bulma's Dragon Radar that detects the Dragon Balls!



Adjutant Black

Commander Red's advisor and second-in-command.

Bora & Upa

A father and son who live in the Karin Sanctuary. When Bora defended his land from the Red Ribbon Army, they kidnapped his son. But Goku rescued Upa and brought him back safely.

Kame-Sen'nin (The "Turtle Hermit")

A lecherous but powerful martial artist (also known as the *muten-rôshi*, or "Invincible Old Master") who trained Goku's grandfather, Son Gohan, as well as Goku himself. He taught Goku the *kamehameha* attack.

Legend says that whoever gathers the seven magical "Dragon Balls" will be granted any one wish. Son Goku, a young boy from the mountains, first heard the legend from a city girl named Bulma. After many dangerous adventures with Bulma, Goku trained under the great martial artist Kame-Sen'nin and competed in the "Strongest Under the Heavens" fighting tournament. Afterwards, Goku resumed his quest for the Dragon Balls, only to find that a powerful enemy, the Red Ribbon Army, was also searching for them. Now, frustrated by Goku's continued interference, Commander Red has hired an assassin to get rid of him once and for all...

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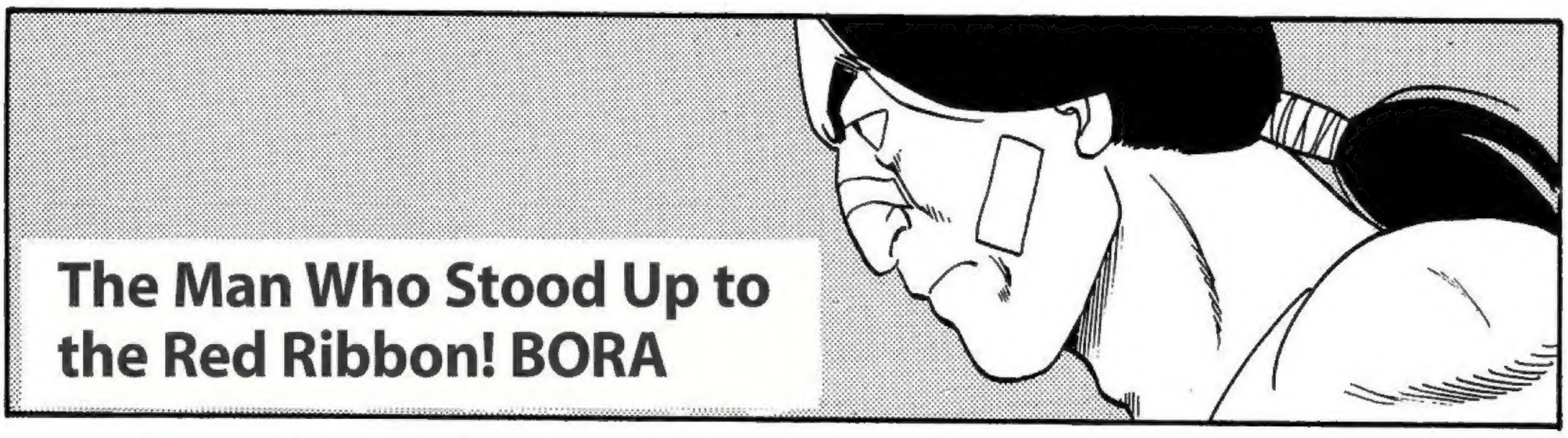


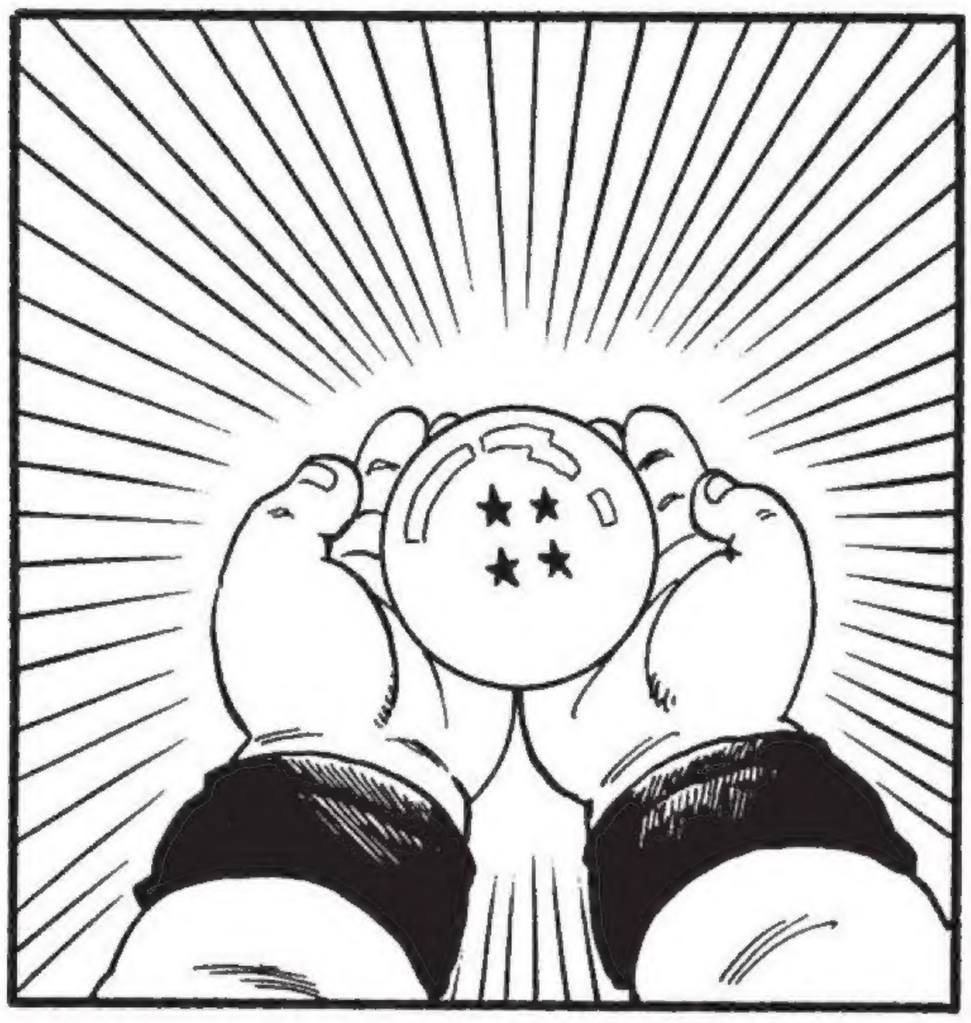
THANK YOU FOR RESCUING MY SON.

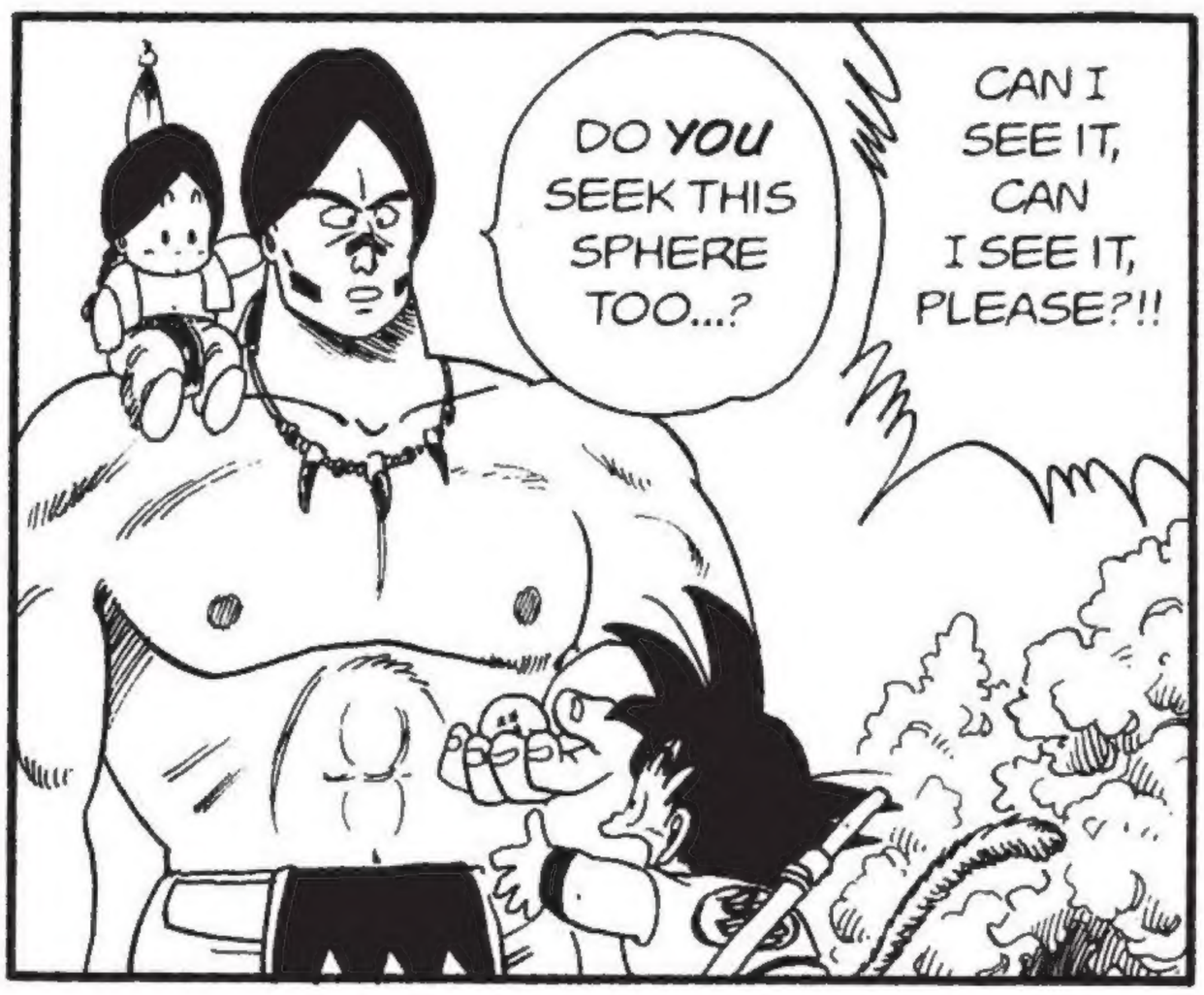
IT WAS NOTHIN', JUST PART OF BEATING UP THAT ARMY GUY!

MISTER, THAT'S A DRAGON BALL YOU'RE HOLDING IN YOUR HAND!!!

THERE IT IS !!!

CHEEP CHEEP CHEEP

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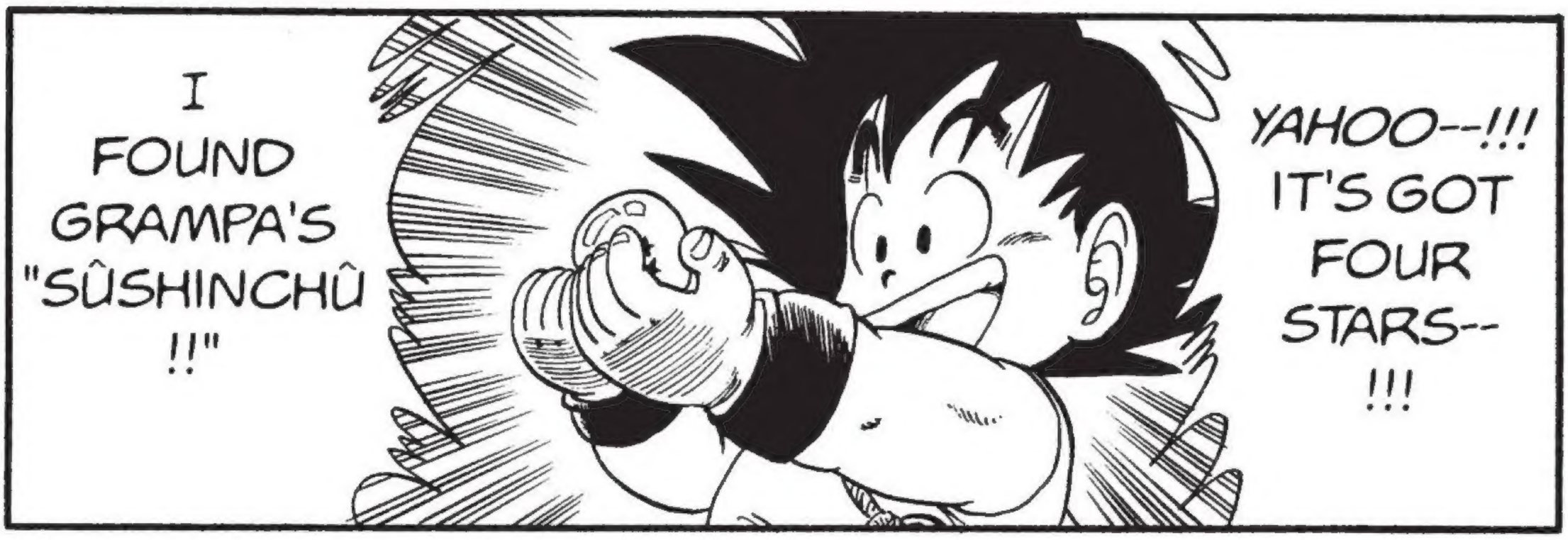
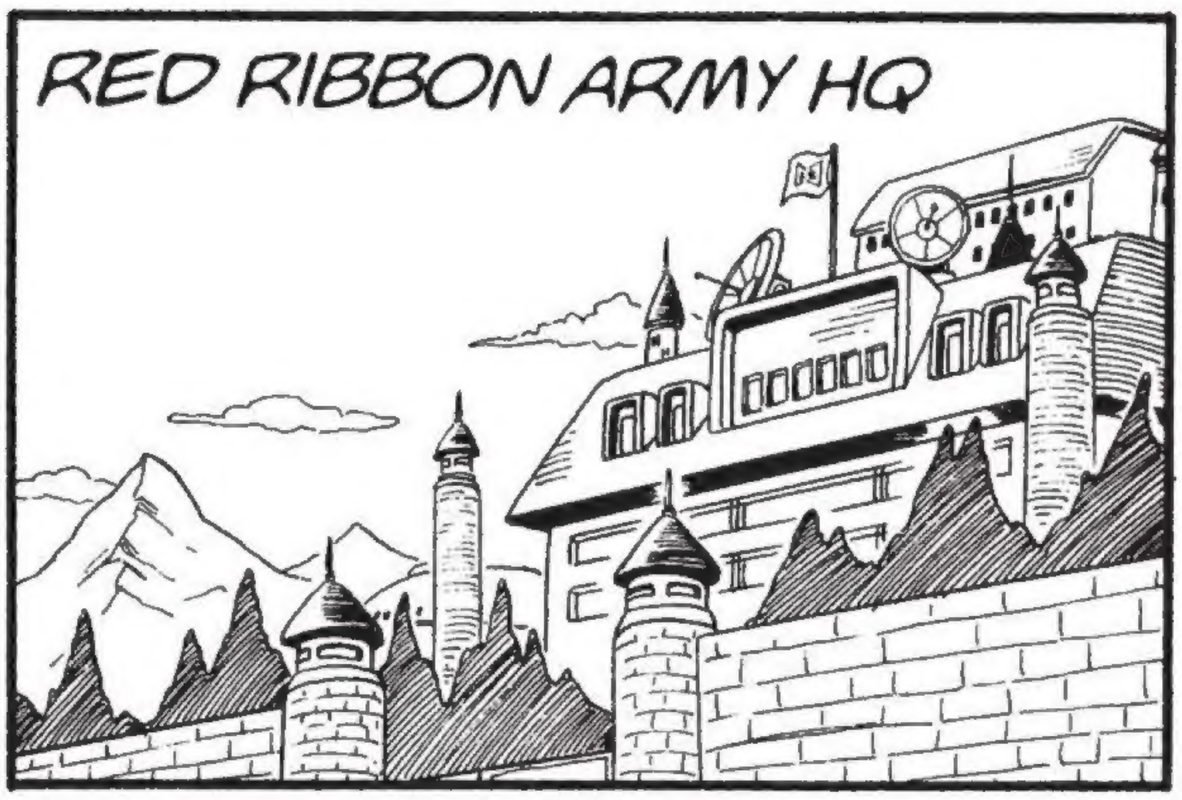
CAN I SEE IT, CAN I SEE IT, PLEASE?!!


I FOUND GRAMPA'S "SÛSHINCHÛ !!"
YAHOO--!!! IT'S GOT FOUR STARS--!!!


RED RIBBON ARMY HQ

WOO-HOO WOO-HOO--!!!
WHAT IS THIS? WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THAT SPHERE?

SHUUUUN

WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU ARE, HUH?!!

HEY, HEY, HEY!!

TAP

SKRII

SCRAM!! UNLESS YOU *WANT* TO BE TURNED TO DOG FOOD, THAT IS!!

FYOOOO

HO-

!!!

DO YOU MAKE A HABIT OF FORGETTING YOUR SUPERIORS' FACES, WORM!?

GNNG

R R

G- GENERAL BLUE!! I-- I--

JUST HURRY UP AND OPEN THE GATE!

R R

I AM TAOPAIPAI... MASTER ASSASSIN !

...MY SERVICES DO NOT COME CHEAPLY.

I MUST WARN YOU IN ADVANCE...

GOOD OF YOU TO COME, TAOPAIPAI.

100 M-MILLION ZENII...?!!

KILL YOU!

FOR EACH STRIKE... I MUST RECEIVE 100 MILLION ZENII!

IF YOU DO THE JOB WELL, I WILL PAY WHATEVER YOU ASK.

TH-THANK YOU...

...

THAT MAKES A VERY REA-SONABLE 50 MILLION ZENII A HEAD...

HOWEVER, YOU'RE IN LUCK. THIS YEAR HAPPENS TO BE MY 20TH ANNIVERSARY HALF-PRICE SALE.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO TEST ME?

YOU'D BETTER BE THE REAL TAOPAIPAI....

IT IS I, BLUE!

WH- WHO IS IT?

NOK NOK

O-OH, NO, THAT'S QUITE ALL RIGHT...

ENTER...

GENERAL BLUE, EH...?

WELL, IT WAS QUITE A JOB... STEALING AIRPLANES... CARS... ETC....

I'M AMAZED THAT YOU'VE RETURNED.

REPORTING AS ORDERED, SIR!

I AM *AMAZED* THAT YOU CAN NONCHALANTLY STROLL BACK IN HERE AFTER LOSING THE DRAGON BALLS TO THAT BRAT SON GOKU!

THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT.

A-A-AND I DID GET THE ENEMY'S RADAR !!

B-B-BUT... THAT COULDN'T BE HELPED!

WITH THIS, I WILL GATHER ALL SEVEN DRAGON BALLS FOR YOU!!

IT'S THAT SMALL...?

MAKING IT POSSIBLE TO PINPOINT THE DRAGON BALL'S EXACT LOCATION EASILY!

LOOK! LOOK! IT CAN ZOOM IN AND OUT AT WILL...

THOSE WHO CANNOT COMPLETE THEIR DUTIES ARE TO BE EXECUTED!

BUT MY ORDER WAS TO BRING BACK THE DRAGON BALLS!

THAT IS QUITE A USEFUL ACCOMPLISH-MENT...

GASP

I...

I...

BUT...

THANK YOU, SIR!

HOWEVER, YOU *HAVE* SERVED THE RED RIBBON ARMY VERY WELL IN THE PAST.

I WILL GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO REDEEM YOURSELF. IF YOU FIGHT TAOPAIPAI HERE AND WIN...YOUR HONOR WILL BE RESTORED.

DO YOU WANT MY AUTOGRAPH ?

SO...YOU WOULD BE THE TAOPAIPAI THEY CALL "THE WORLD'S GREATEST KILLER," I SUPPOSE...?

SURE. I'D LIKE TO SEE YOUR HANDI-WORK.

I'D LIKE TO RECEIVE A KILL FEE FOR HIM TOO, IF THAT'S ALL RIGHT?

IF YOU'RE THE ***WORLD'S*** GREATEST, THEN I AM THE ***UNIVERSE'S*** GREATEST !

OHO HO HO...

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT!

AGAINST A NOVICE LIKE YOU, I WON'T USE MY ARMS OR LEGS... BUT JUST MY ***TONGUE*** TO TAKE YOU DOWN!

BEGIN!!

VNNN

DODGE!

HYOH !!!!

BMM

BLAA A!

SLURP!

POIK

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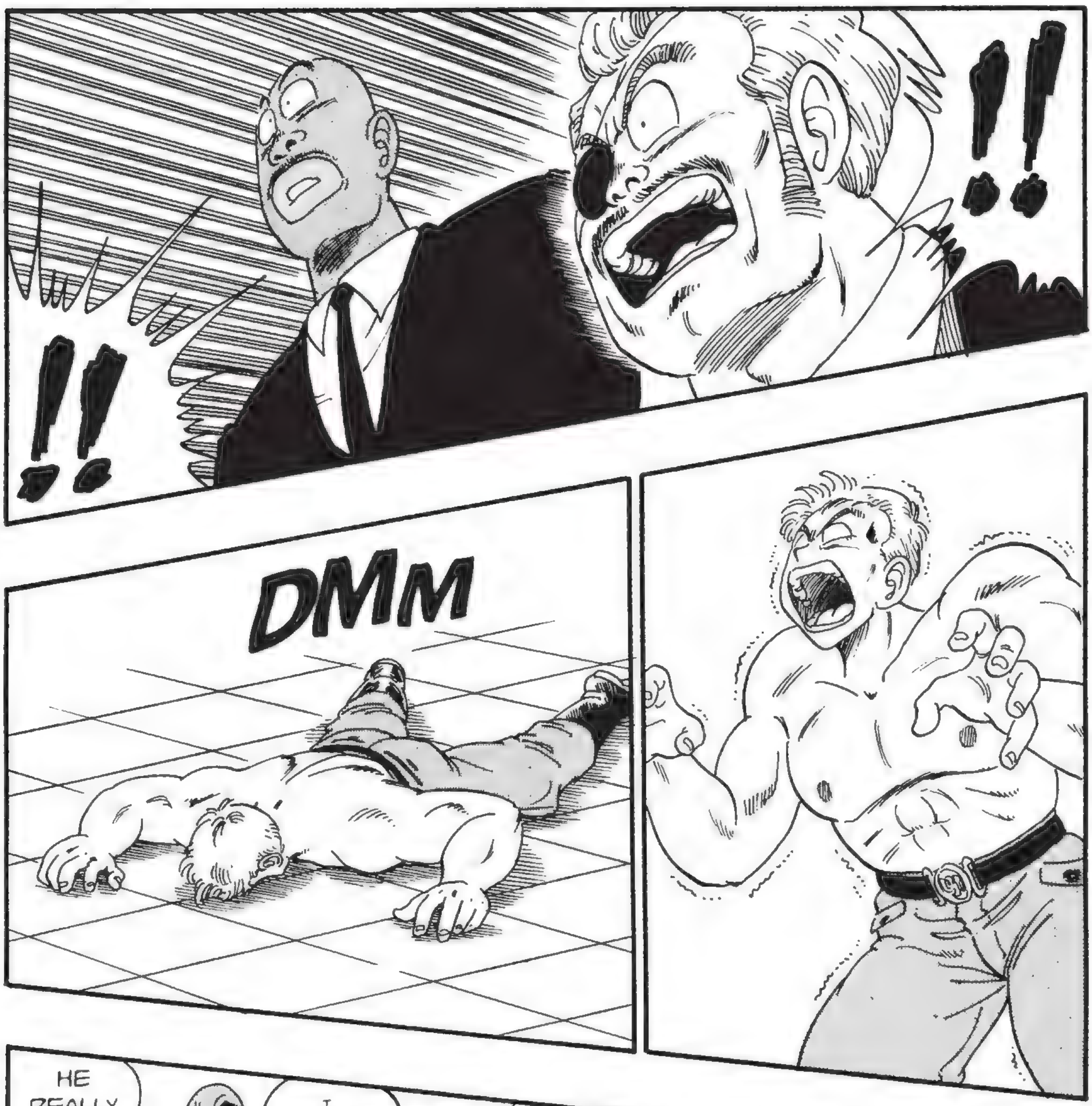
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!!
DMM

HE REALLY IS AS DEADLY AS HE CLAIMS TO BE...
I WOULDN'T EVEN SAY "BLOW"...
H-HE TOOK DOWN *BLUE*... W-WITH JUST ONE BLOW....

I CRAVE A WORTHY OPPO-NENT...
FEH...
殺

ENOUGH FORMALITIES. SHOW ME WHO MY *REAL* TARGETS ARE.
NOW.

THAT'S WHAT WE KEPT SAYING...AND REGRETTING IT.

WHAT-- THAT LITTLE BOY !?

AND, *UH*, BY THE WAY... THAT BRAT SON GOKU SHOULD HAVE FOUR BALLS ON HIM... WE'D APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD JUST BRING THEM BACK WITH YOU, HM?

VERY PROFES-SIONAL.

WELL, IT'S NO MATTER TO ME. AS LONG AS I RECEIVE MY PAYMENT, I WILL ERASE WHOMEVER YOU WANT.

I UNDER-STAND. THE LOCATION IS A PLACE CALLED KARIN, ABOUT 2300 KILOMETERS TO THE NORTHEAST, CORRECT ?

AND IF ANYONE ELSE GETS IN YOUR WAY, FEEL FREE TO KILL THEM, NO MATTER HOW MANY THERE ARE.

THEY LOOK LIKE THIS.

THE PILLAR? WH-WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

MAY I HAVE THIS ONE PILLAR HERE?

HUH ?

THAT WILL NOT BE NECESSARY-- AN AIRPLANE WILL TAKE TOO LONG.

WE HAVE A JET PREPARED FOR YOU-- THIS WAY, PLEASE.

TM

TP

THP

KILL YOU!

HOP

BWOK

KILL

2300 KILO-METERS, MMM...?

WELL, THEN, I SHOULD BE BACK IN ABOUT30 MINUTES...

KILL

PYOH !!!!

VNNN

SHIIIII

HOOOOOSH

TUP

THE KARIN SANCTUARY

GYAH-HAHA!!! IT'S AS IF WE'VE ALREADY GOT THOSE DRAGON BALLS IN OUR HANDS !!!

WH-WHAT A TERRIBLE FELLOW...

AND ALL SEVEN TOGETHER WILL GRANT ANY WISH...? *HMM*... NO WONDER THEY WERE SO INTENT UPON TAKING THIS SPHERE....

THAT ?

HEY... WHAT'S THAT LONG THING STICKING OUT OF THE GROUND OVER THERE?

I JUST WANT TO GET MY GRAMPA'S HEIRLOOM, THIS FOUR-STAR BALL BACK!

BUT I DON'T REALLY HAVE A WISH OR ANY-THING.

I CHALLENGED IT ONCE WHEN I WAS YOUNG, BUT I DID NOT SUCCEED. I DO NOT THINK ANYONE HAS MADE IT...

WOW!! THAT'S COOL!! HAVE YOU CLIMBED IT, MISTER?

THAT IS THE SACRED TOWER OF KARIN THAT EXTENDS TO THE HEAVENS. IT IS SAID THAT ANYONE WHO CAN CLIMB THE TOWER TO ITS TOP WITH HIS BARE HANDS...

I GUESS IT WOULDN'T BE OKAY TO FLY TO THE TOP USING KINTO'UN, HUH...?

WOW... I GUESS IT MUST BE REALLY TALL...

...WILL FIND A HERMIT MASTER LIVING AT ITS SUMMIT... AND IF ONE DRINKS THE HOLY WATER PROFFERED BY THAT HOLY BEING, ONE'S STRENGTH WILL BE MULTIPLIED MANY-FOLD.

THAT MUST BE IT....

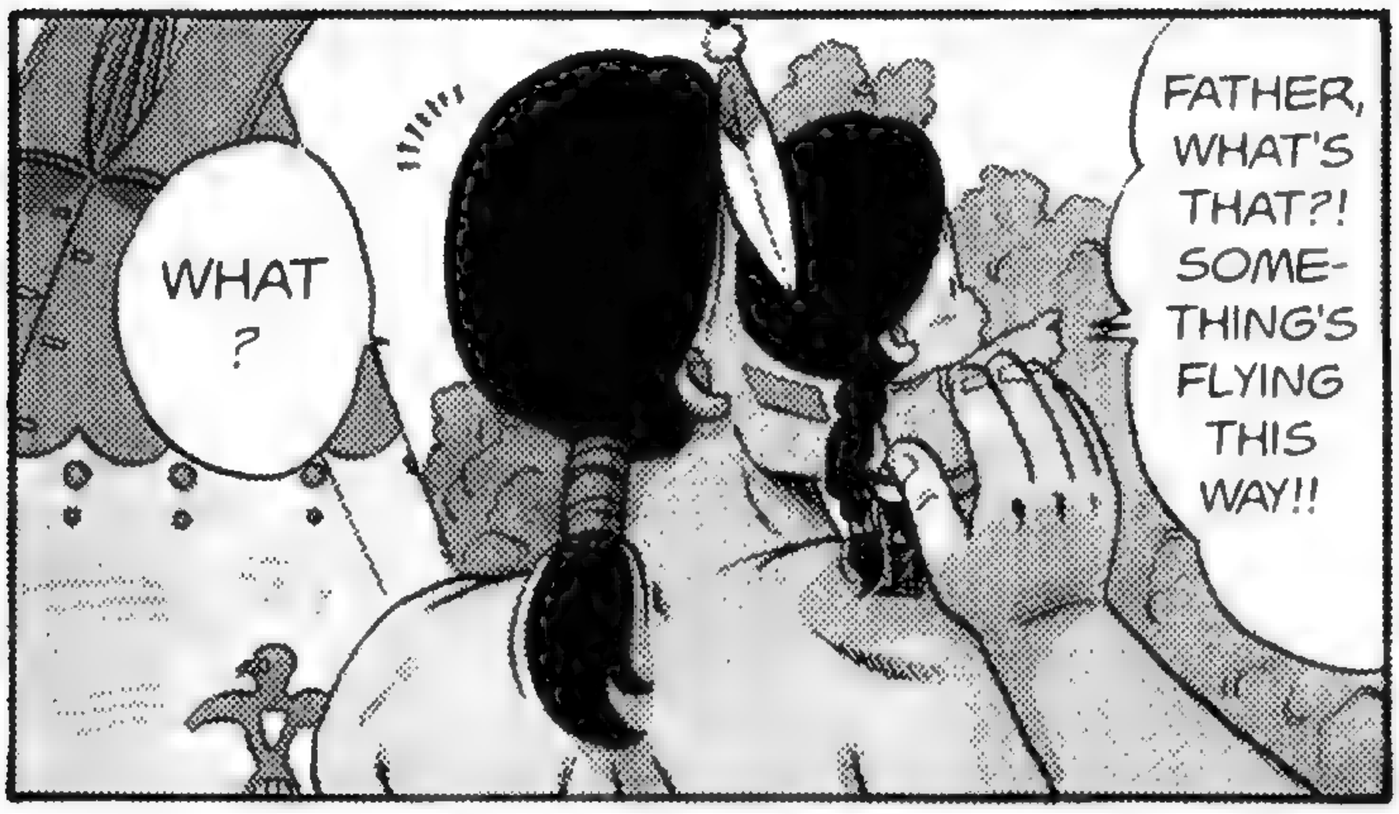
HOOOOOSH

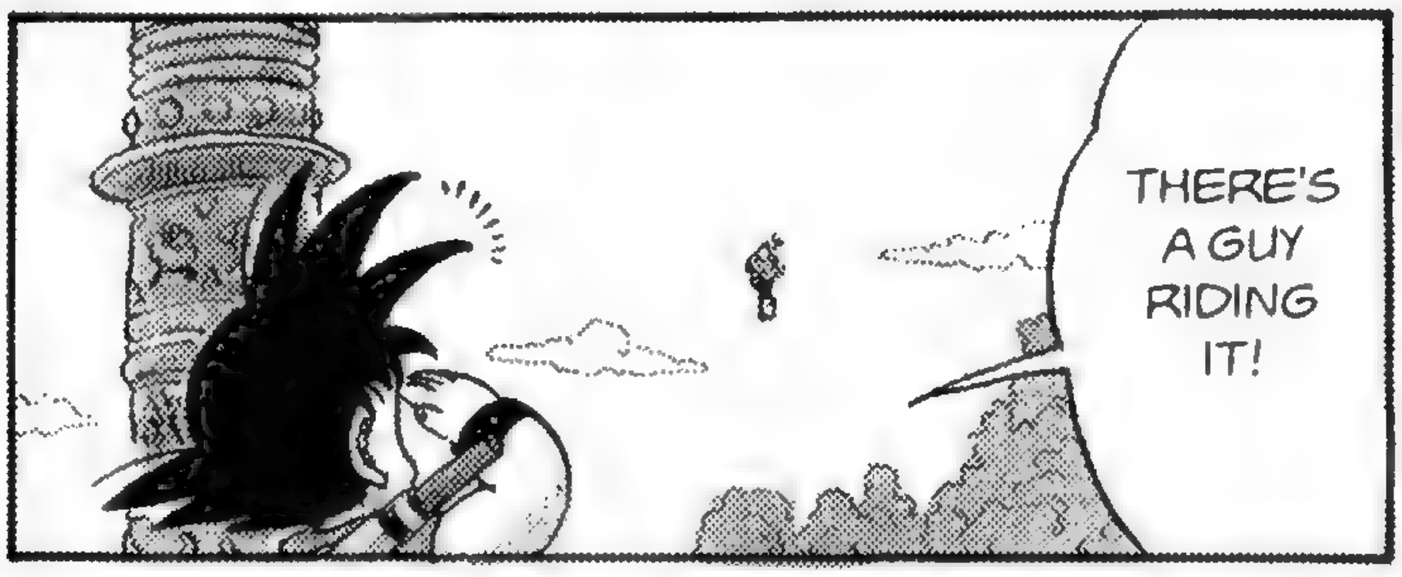
MY CLAN ARE THE GUARDIANS WHO HAVE DEFENDED THIS TOTEM POLE FOR GENERATION UPON GENERATION.

NEXT: Fighting Fire with Fire!

Tale 86

The Devastating Dodon-pa!!!





THE KARIN TOWER... IT STRETCHES INTO THE HEAVENS, AND IT IS SAID THAT WHOEVER SUCCEEDS IN SCALING IT WILL BECOME MANY TIMES MORE POWERFUL. BUT THIS HOLY SITE IS ABOUT TO BE DRENCHED IN BLOOD...
COOOL... SO Y'GET STRONGER, HUH...? MAYBE I'LL TRY TO CLIMB IT....
SUCH IS THE TALE THAT'S BEEN PASSED DOWN OVER MANY GENERATIONS... THOUGH IT MAY BE ONLY A MYTH.

LOOK OUT !!!

IT'S COMING THIS WAY!!

DOZE

ALO~
HA~!

殺

TUP

WH-WHO IN THE WORLD ARE YOU?!!

...

TAOPAIPAI
!

I'M THE WORLD'S GREATEST ASSASSIN....

WHAT BUSINESS DOES A KILLER HAVE IN THIS HOLY PLACE?

ASSASSIN....

I DON'T EVEN KNOW YOU, MISTER.

BUSINESS WITH ME?

WHAT ?!

I HAVE NO BUSINESS WITH THIS PLACE-- I HAVE BUSINESS ONLY WITH THAT LAD OVER THERE.

THEM AGAIN!! MAN, THEY ARE *SO* STUBBORN !!

RED RIBBON--?!!

MY ASSIGNMENT IS TO KILL YOU, SINCE YOU ARE INTERFERING WITH THEIR QUEST FOR SOME BALLS.

PERHAPS YOU WILL UNDERSTAND IF I TELL YOU THAT I WAS HIRED BY THE RED RIBBON ARMY.

F-FATHER! YOU CAN'T LET THEM DO IT!!

IF YOU WILL NOT LEAVE QUIETLY, I WILL STAND AGAINST YOU.

THIS YOUTH SAVED MY SON'S LIFE.

STAY BACK, UPA.

TO DEFEND THE SACRED LAND OF KARIN IS MY SWORN DUTY.

HEY, THAT'S OKAY! HE'S *MY* ENEMY !

TO DELIBERATELY CHOOSE DEATH...!

HEH HEH HEH, WHAT A FOOL....

FATHER, GOOD LUCK-- !!

NOW COME !!

WELL THEN... I'LL MAKE THE FIRST MOVE WITH-OUT ANY QUALMS.

HEH HEH HEH... YOU THINK YOU'RE FAIRLY GOOD, DO YOU?

YO!

OH!!!

VOOO

H-HE'S FAST...!!!!

HRRR...!!

NGH...!! G-G-GGG...!!!

MM? SOMETHING THE MATTER? YOU'RE NOT MOVING AT ALL!

WELL THEN, ALLOW ME TO MOVE YOU...

!!

HWI!

HERE!

HENH.

WHOA!!!

TUGGER SPOG

SHHHH

WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR SPEAR BACK?!!

...!!!

FYOOOOOO

FATHER-- !!!

FOOEY !!!

KINTO'UN !!!

OH NO !!!!

AARGH !

ZUDD

DM!!!

FATHER--
!!!!!

FATHER--
!!!

F-
FATHER--
!!

WAAA
AAH!!

YOU--
ASSASSIN--
!!!!
oooo

YOU--
!!!

KU

BNG

SHHH

CHK

BIM!

IS THAT ALL? HOW PITIFUL.

...

DMP

TAKE THIS... !!

HO- YOU DIDN'T DIE, EH?

STAGGER

I'LL GET YOU-- !!

HA... ME...

KA... ME...

HAAAAA !!!

BOOM

!!

FWAAA

TH-TH-THAT'S ALL ?!?!

...YOU RUINED MY CLOTHES...!

YOU...

PFFF

PFFF

DODON'PA!!

BOOF

DMM

TOK

!!

MISSION ACCOMP-LISHED...

THESE MUST BE THOSE BALLS THEY WANTED.... HEH HEH HEH...

NEXT: Goku: R.I.P.?

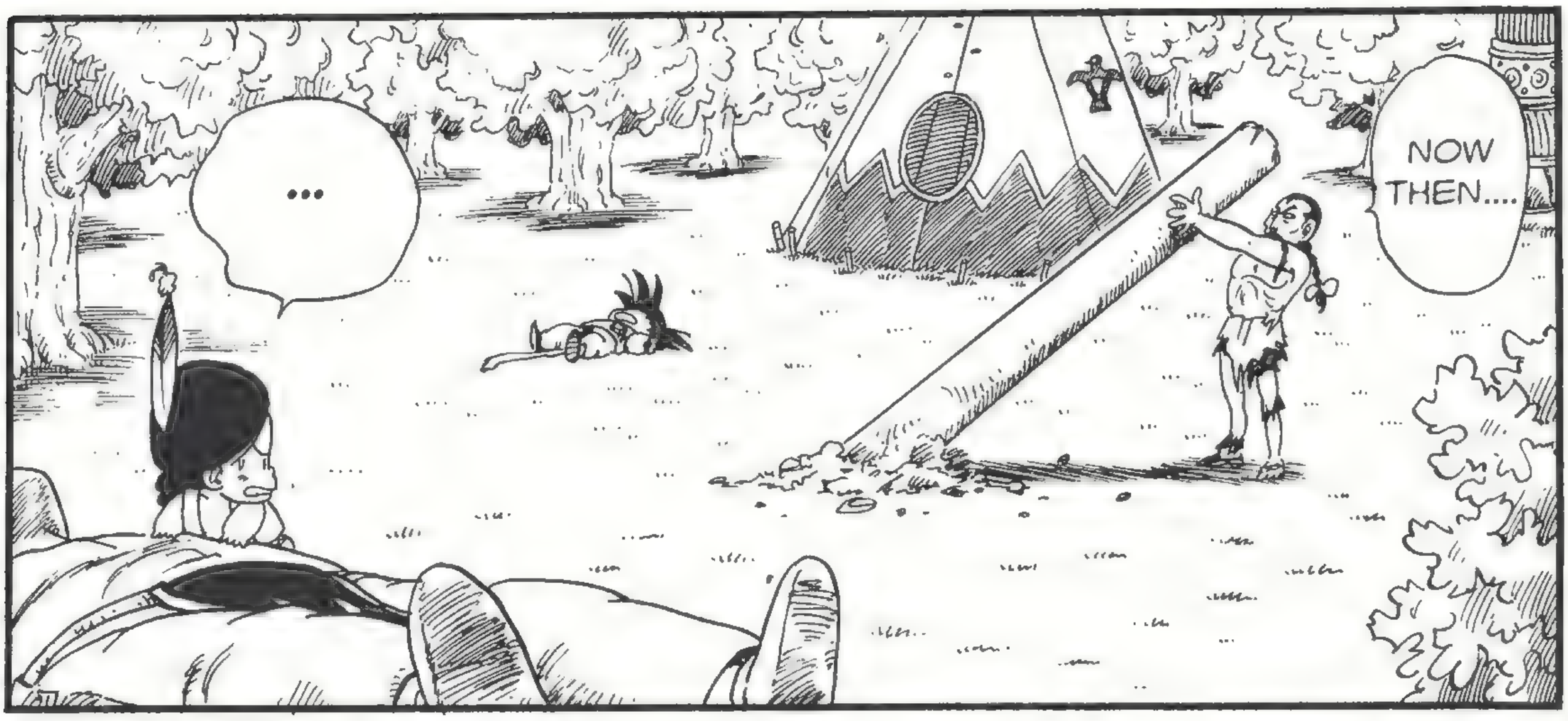
Tale 87 • The Great Climb

BAMM

THE WORLD'S GREATEST ASSASSIN, TAOPAIPAI, HIRED BY THE RED RIBBON ARMY, HAS KILLED UPA'S FATHER...AND NOW GOKU HIMSELF! NOT ONLY THAT, HE TOOK THE DRAGON BALLS TOO...

BUT THERE'S NO WAY THE WORLD'S GREATEST ASSASSIN CAN GO HOME LOOKING LIKE THIS! TIME FOR A TRIP TO MY TAILOR....

I'VE DISPATCHED MY TARGET AND COLLECTED THESE BALLS, PRECISELY AS REQUESTED....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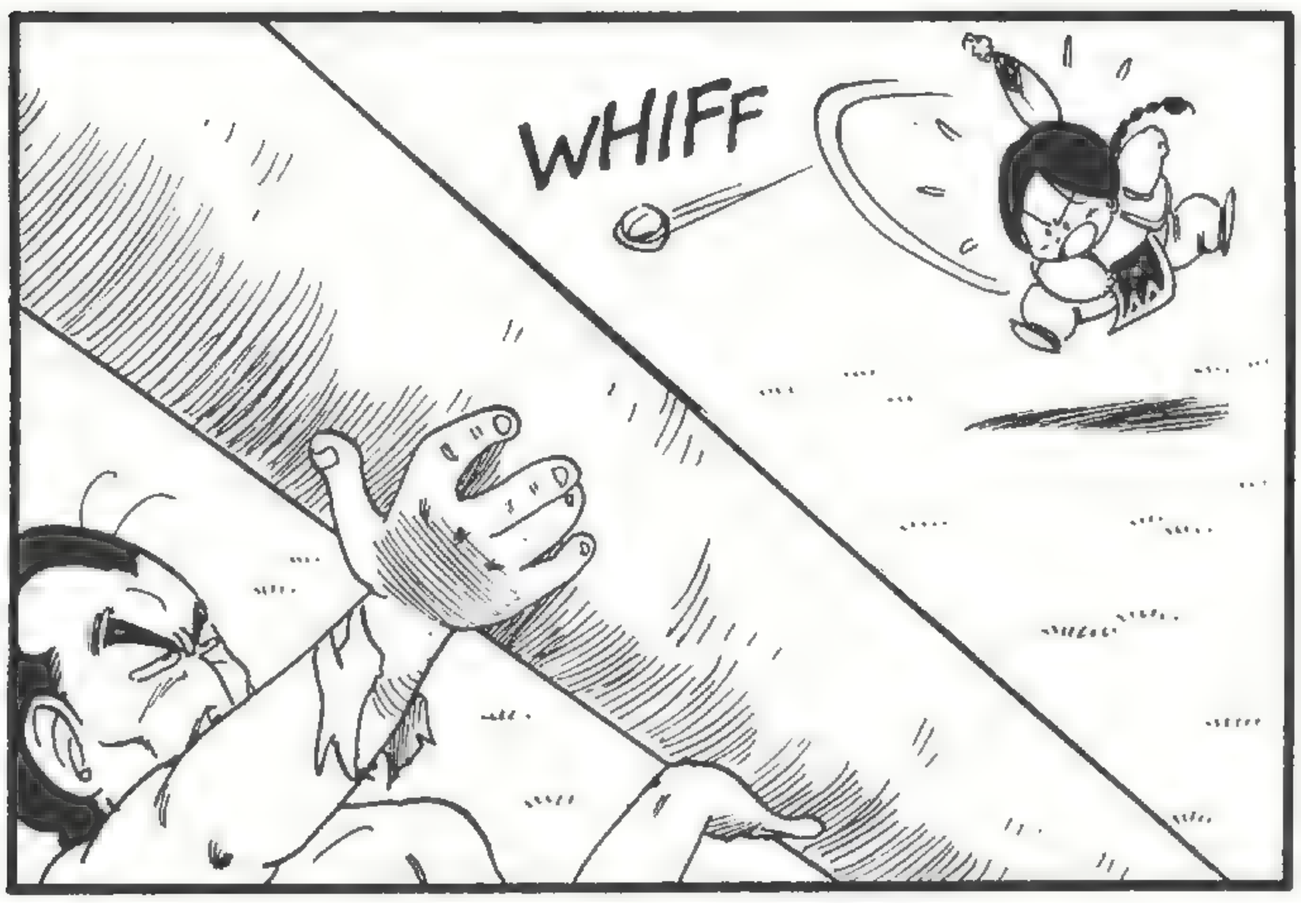
NOW THEN....


WHIFF

YOU KILLED MY FATHER-- AND OUR FRIEND!!
YOU...YOU MONSTER...!

KWIII
PUFF

YOU SHOULD THANK ME!
HA HA HA... DON'T YOU KNOW HOW LUCKY YOU ARE TO BE ALIVE?
YAAA! YAAA!

KONG
!!

BOING

YYNNN

TUP

RED RIBBON ARMY HQ

IT LOOKS LIKE EVERY-THING WENT PERF----

HEH HEH HEH! LEAVE IT TO TAOPAIPAI!

HHHOOO

AND WHY ISN'T TAOPAIPAI HEADING STRAIGHT BACK HERE?

1 at The Land of Karin

3 Taopaipai took

THERE ARE SUPPOSED TO BE FOUR BALLS...BUT HE ONLY GRABBED THREE.

1 at Red Ribbon Army HQ

DON'T YOU NOTICE SOMETHING STRANGE.... ?

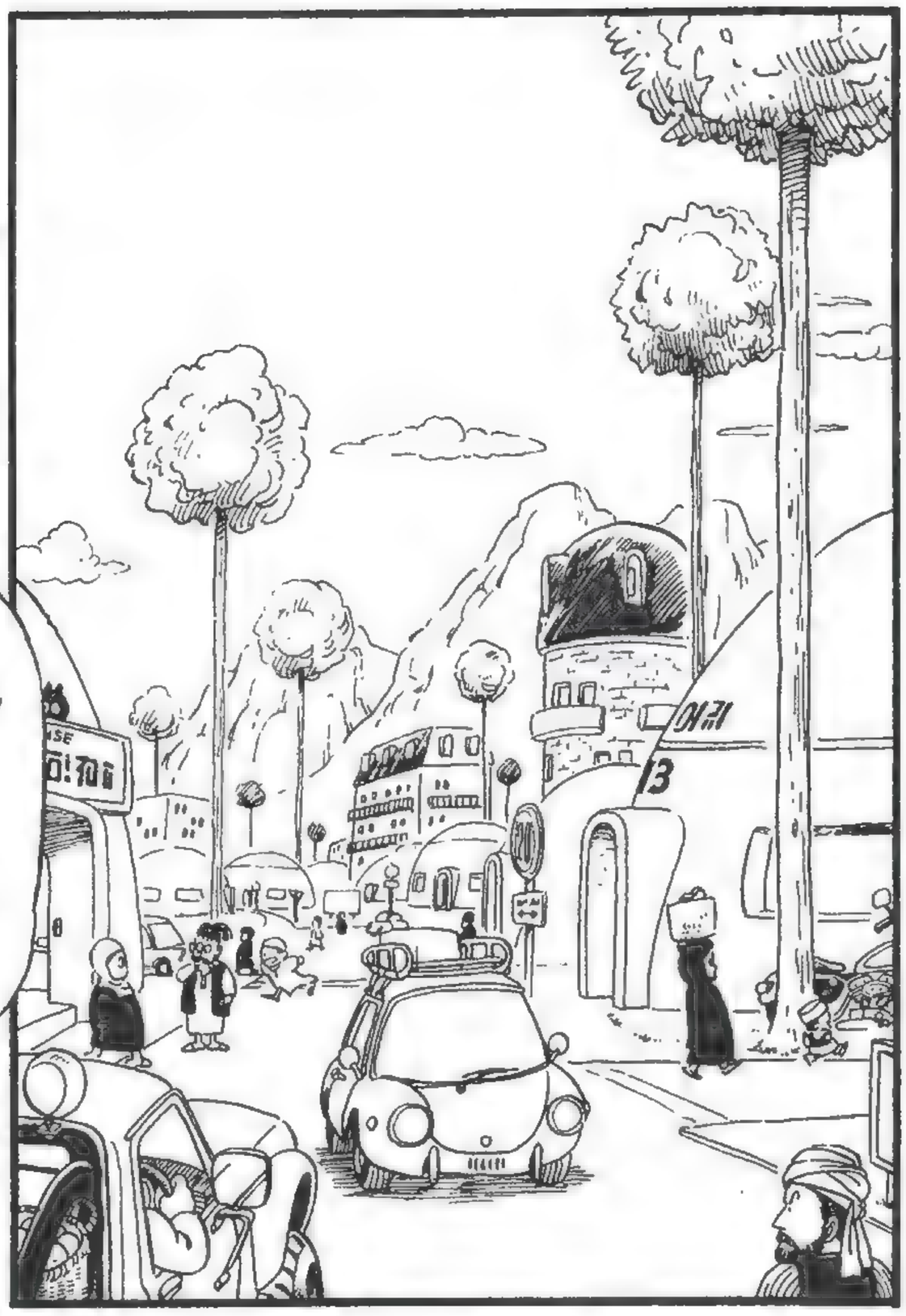
WHAT ?

WAIT.

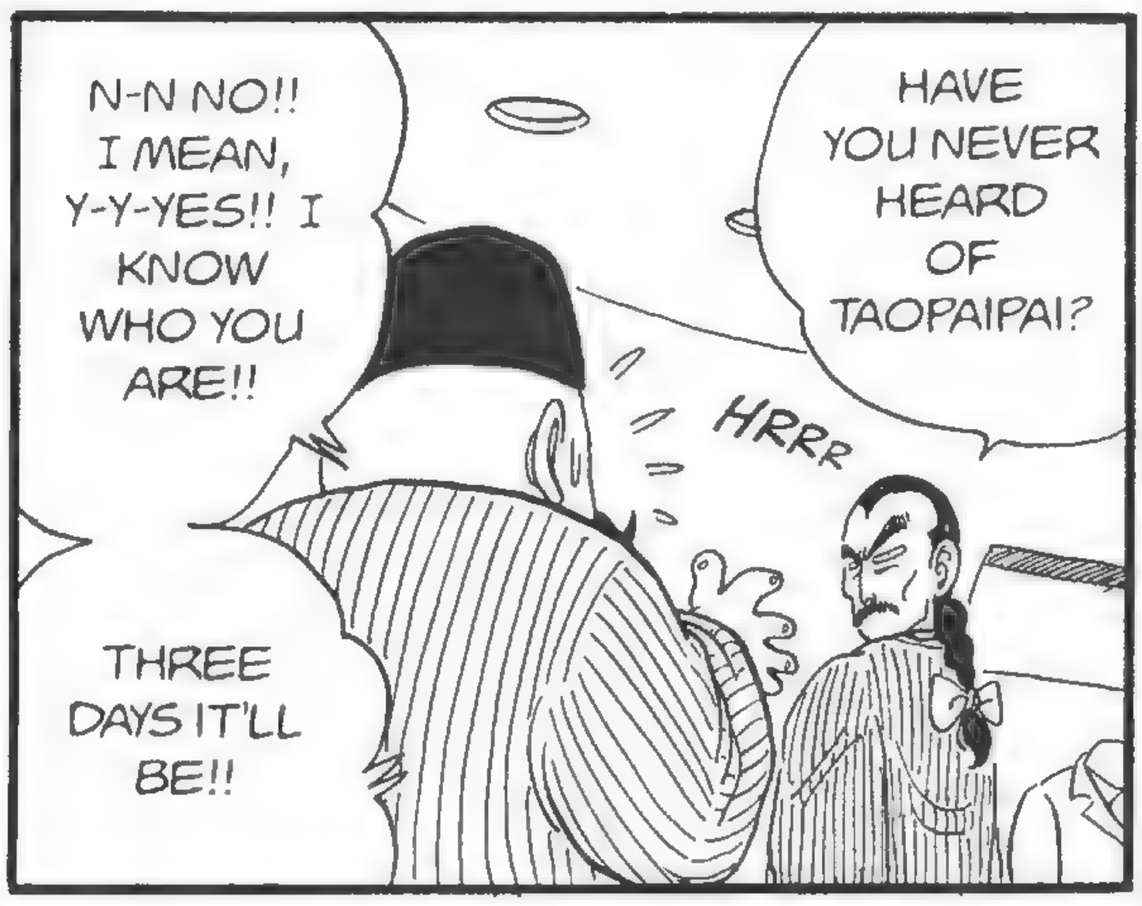
WHAT'S THAT MURDERER UP TO....?

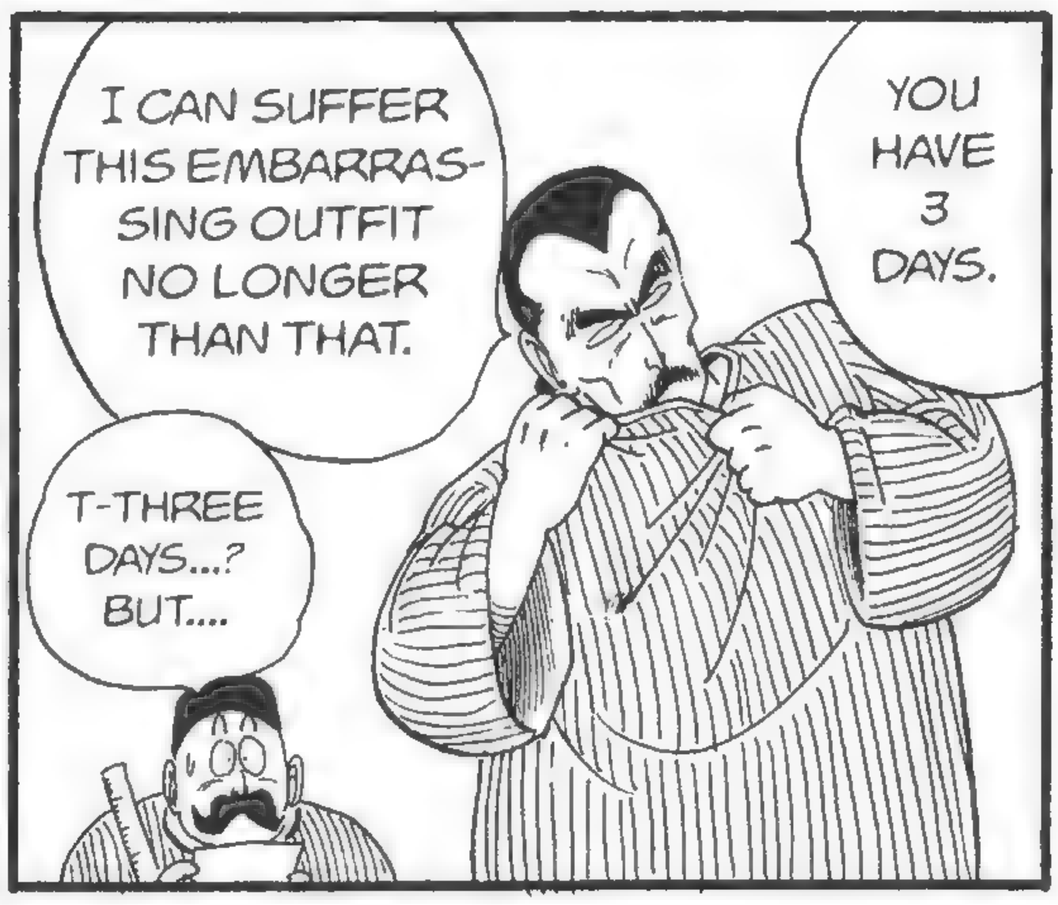
EXACTLY AS DRAWN, DO YOU UNDER-STAND? NO MISTAKES.

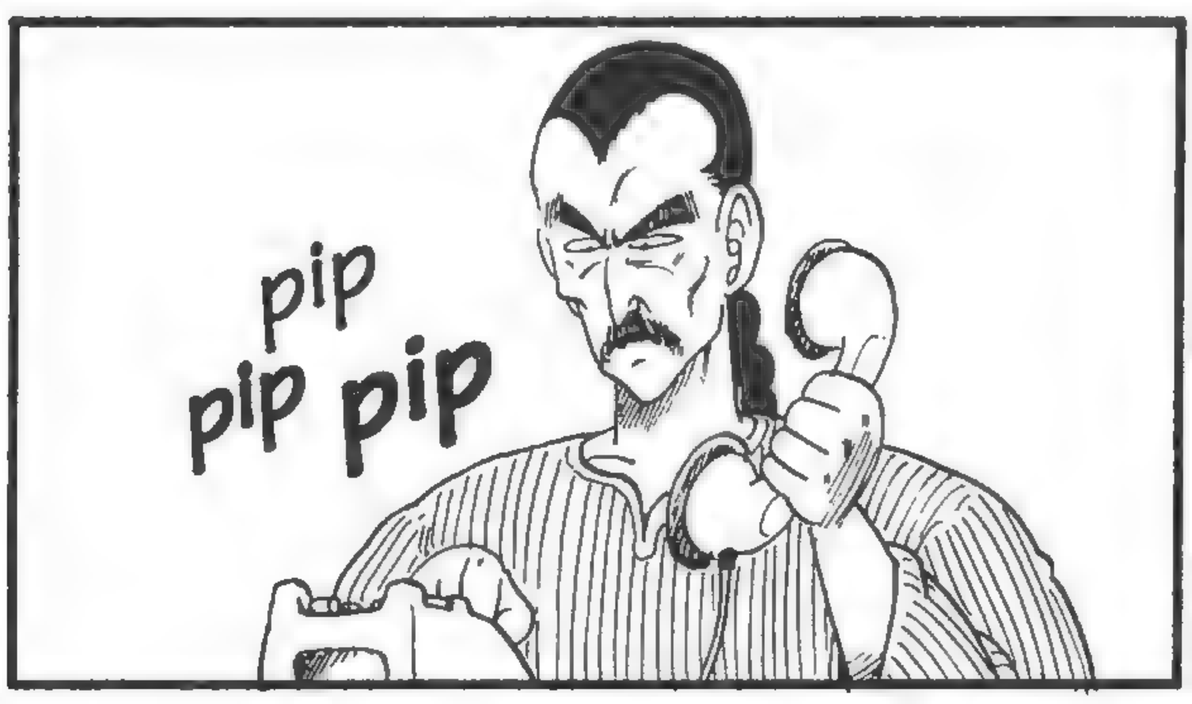
Y-YES, SIR!



IF I HAVE A WEEK, I MAY BE ABLE TO...
HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?


N-N NO!! I MEAN, Y-Y-YES!! I KNOW WHO YOU ARE!!
HAVE YOU NEVER HEARD OF TAOPAIPAI?
HRRR
THREE DAYS IT'LL BE!!


I CAN SUFFER THIS EMBARRAS-SING OUTFIT NO LONGER THAN THAT.
YOU HAVE 3 DAYS.
T-THREE DAYS...? BUT....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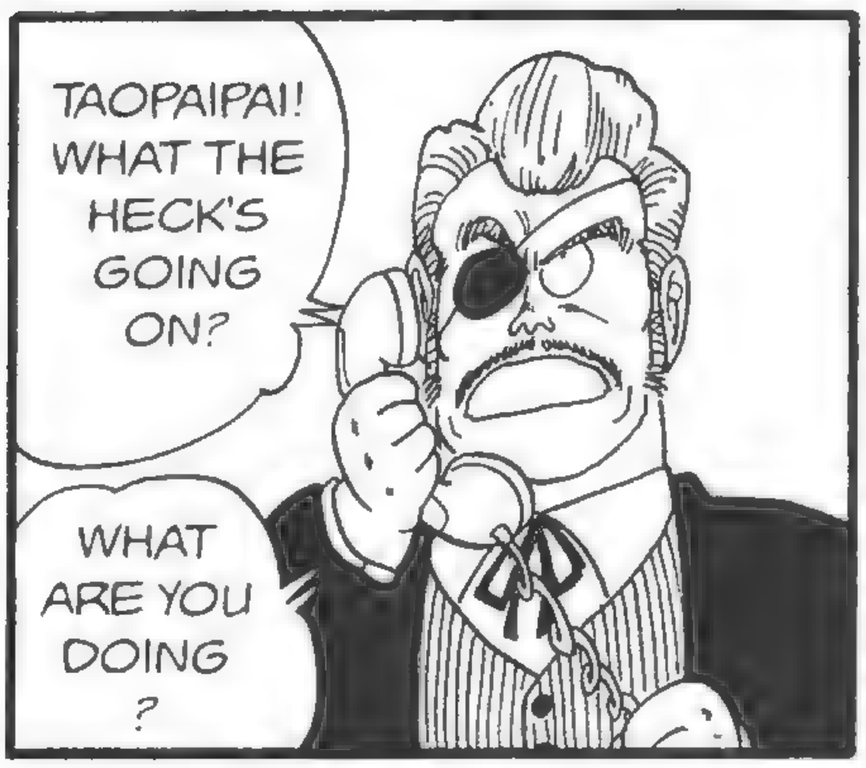
R-R-RIGHT OVER HERE, SIR! THANK YOU!
WHERE'S YOUR PHONE ?


TAOPAIPAI! WHAT THE HECK'S GOING ON?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?

HMPH !
COMMANDER! WE'VE RECEIVED A CALL FROM MR. TAOPAIPAI!

I'VE DISPATCHED YOUR ENEMY, SO PLEASE BE SURE MY FEE IS WAITING FOR ME.

I WILL RETURN IN THREE DAYS.

MY TARGET MUST HAVE BEEN CARRYING ONE ON HIS PERSON... ALL RIGHT, I'LL RETRIEVE IT BEFORE I RETURN.

OH-HO... THERE *ARE* ONLY 3!

WHAT...?!

THAT'S ALL FINE AND DANDY, BUT DON'T YOU ONLY HAVE **3** OF THE SUPPOSEDLY **4** DRAGON BALLS YOU WERE GOING TO BRING BACK?!

YOU WERE WISE TO HIRE TAOPAIPAI, SIR.

SO THAT'S IT! WE'VE WON!

IN THAT CASE, TAKE YOUR TIME. AS LONG AS THAT BRAT'S DEAD, THERE SHOULDN'T BE ANY MORE INTERFERENCE. THANKS MUCH, AND WE'LL SEE YOU IN THREE DAYS.

F-FATHER... IF ONLY I WERE STRONGER...

TWIK

SHF

ZNCH

SNIFF... I'VE GOT TO DIG GOKU'S GRAVE TOO.

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?! HANG IN THERE!!

Y-YOU'RE STILL ALIVE!!

N... NNH...

HUH ?!

ROLL

O- OWW...

IT WAS IN YOUR UNIFORM-- THAT'S WHAT SAVED YOU!!

THE DRAGON BALL !!

GRAMPA SAVED MY LIFE.....

HUH...

YES... SNIFF.... I WISH HE COULD BE STILL ALIVE TOO.....

IS THAT YOUR DAD'S GRAVE...?!

...

SOBB SOBB

...

I'LL GATHER ALL THE DRAGON BALLS AND BRING YOUR DAD BACK TO LIFE!!

ALL RIGHT !!!

...HMMM... HE DID, DID HE...

...BUT THAT MAN TOOK ALL OF THE BALLS THAT WERE IN YOUR BAG, GOKU...

PROBABLY!! THAT DRAGON GOD IS SUPPOSED TO GIVE YOU ANY WISH !!

WHAT?! YOU CAN REALLY DO THAT?!

NO WAY I COULD BEAT HIM IN A MATCH... FIRST TIME I'VE EVER RUN INTO SOMEBODY LIKE THAT...

HE SURE IS STRONG, THOUGH...

WELL, HE'LL PROBABLY COME BACK FOR IT.... AND WHEN HE DOES, I'M GONNA TAKE ALL THE REST BACK FROM HIM...!

GUESS HE DIDN'T KNOW I WAS CARRYING THIS FOUR-STAR BALL....

I KNOW THERE IS !

RIGHT...!! AND AT THE TOP OF THE TOWER THERE'S SUPPOSED TO BE A MEDICINE THAT MAKES YOU STRONGER, HUH!?

GOKU, WHY DON'T YOU TRY CLIMBING THE KARIN TOWER ?!

HEY !

I'LL BET YOU COULD DO IT !!

HUH ?!

IT'D BE SO EASY TO USE KINTO'UN, BUT...

YOU HAVE TO CLIMB IT WITHOUT ANY HELP, RIGHT?

UH-HUH.... THE MASTER OF THE TOWER MAKES SURE....

PLEASE DON'T FALL, GOKU!

O-KAY!! I'M GONNA TRY IT!

OK!

SO YOU BETTER GO HIDE SOME-WHERE, OK?

THAT GUY'LL PROBABLY BE COMING BACK TO TAKE THIS DRAGON BALL....

GOOD LUCK!!

ALL RIGHT, I'M ON MY WAY!

TP

YAH!

YO!

HOI!

TP

TP

TP

TAH--!!

PYTHONG

HE'S AMAZING...

GASP

HE'S ALREADY OUT OF SIGHT...

PHEW!

GAH--I STILL CAN'T SEE THE TOP...!

VRRRM

SSSHH

BOM

PYONG PYONG

PYONG

GO --
GO--
!!

SSSHHH

SLLLIP

WAAH
!!!!

GASP

PANT

I-IT'S
NIGHT-
TIME...
!

HE CLIMBED, AND CLIMBED, AND STILL HE COULD NOT SEE THE TOP OF THE KARIN TOWER....UNTIL EVENTUALLY....

PHEW...

GASP

PANT

PANT

I'M
SO
HUNGRY...
!

SHNUX

ZZZ

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URGH

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AM I
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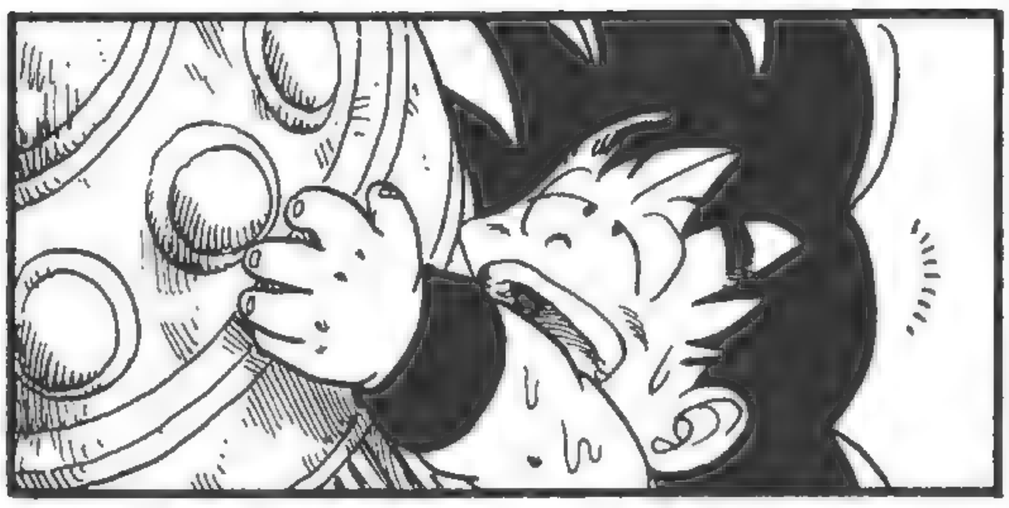
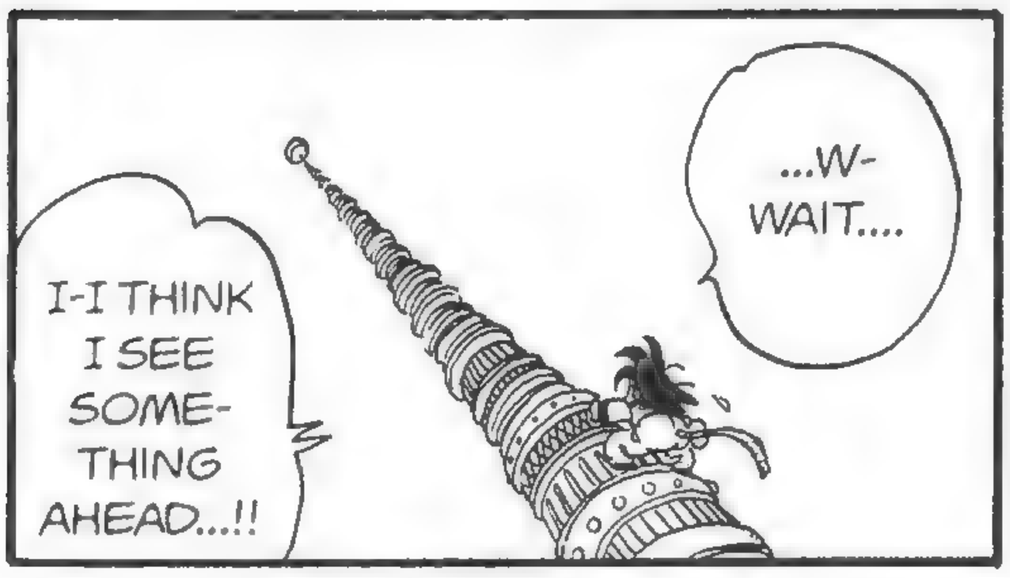
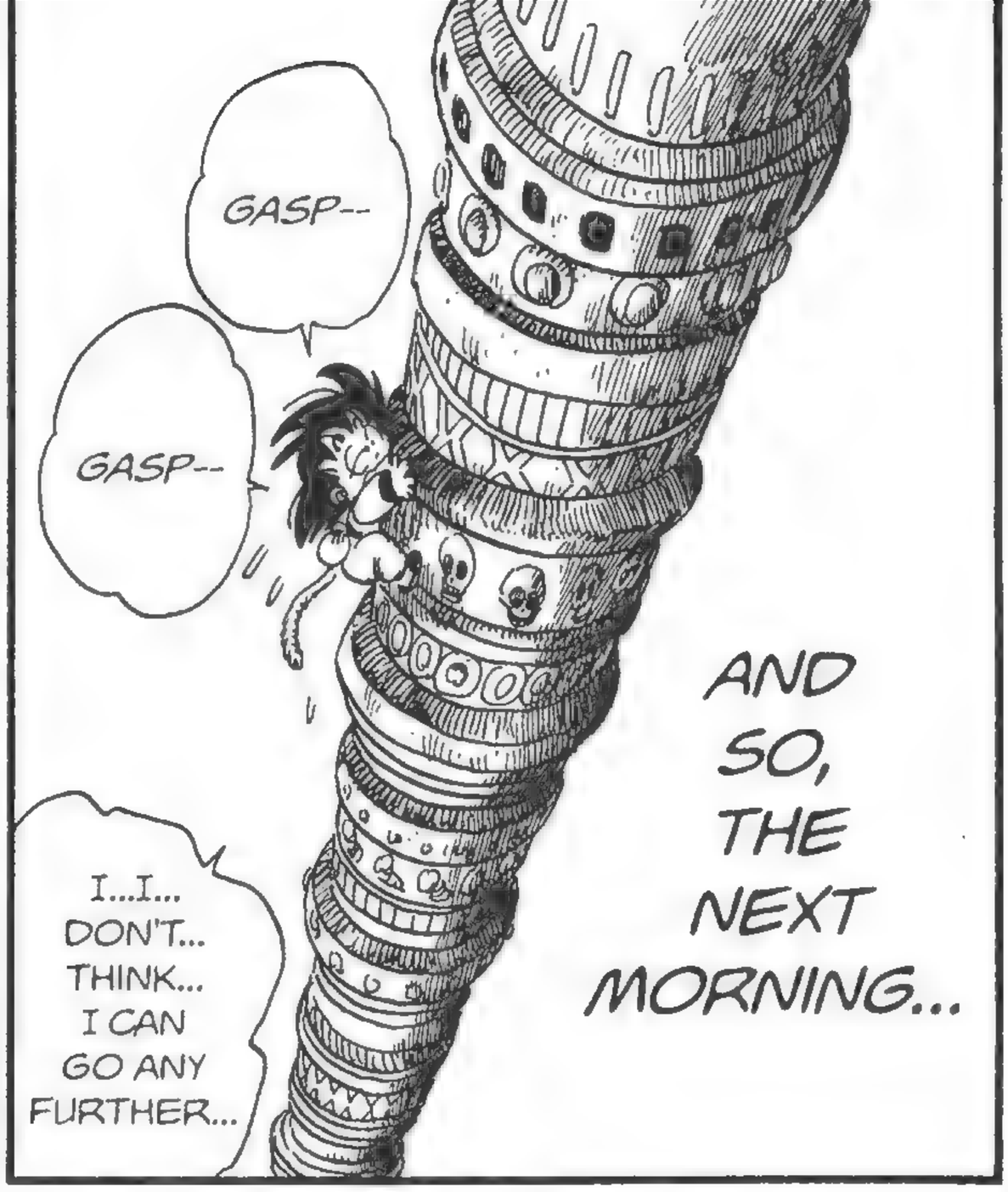
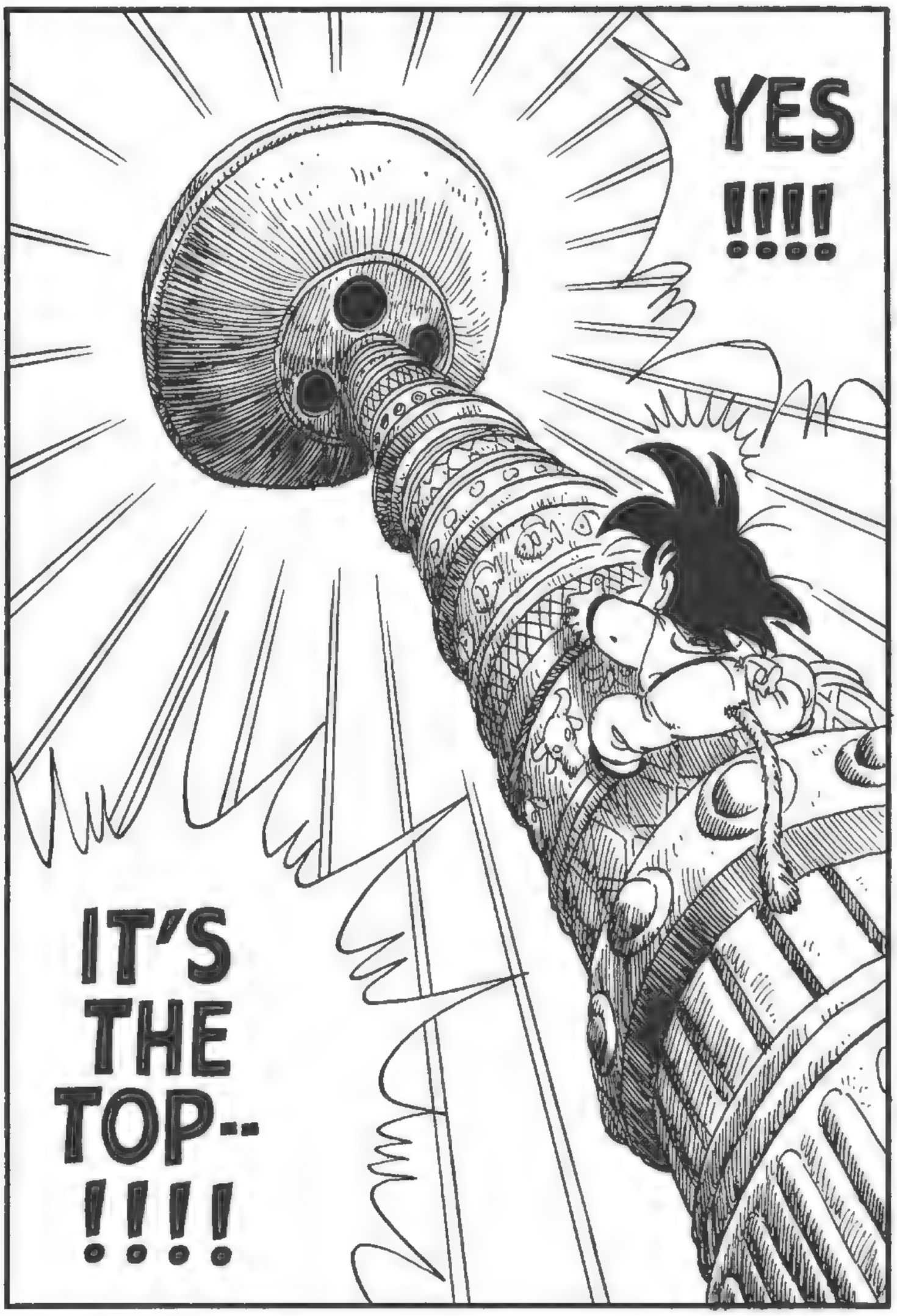








NEXT: Karin-Sen'nin

Tale 88 • Sage of the Karin Tower

GASP

PANT

SO LONG AS HE IS UNABLE TO OVERCOME THE UNPARALLELED POWER OF TAOPAIPAI, GOKU WILL BE UNABLE TO GATHER ALL THE DRAGON BALLS, AND SO HE CLIMBS THE KARIN TOWER, HOPING TO OBTAIN THE STRENGTH-INCREASING HOLY WATER THAT LEGEND HOLDS AWAITS HIM ON TOP.....

OOOM...

FF...!

J-JUST A LITTLE FURTHER... !!

I DID IT!!

A LITTLE.... FURTHER !!

HUFF HUFF

PANT PANT

IS THIS IT...?

...SO WHERE'S THIS MAGIC WATER THAT'S SUPPOSED TO MAKE YOU STRONGER...?

OH, THAT'S RIGHT... HE SAID THERE WAS A HERMIT LIVING HERE....

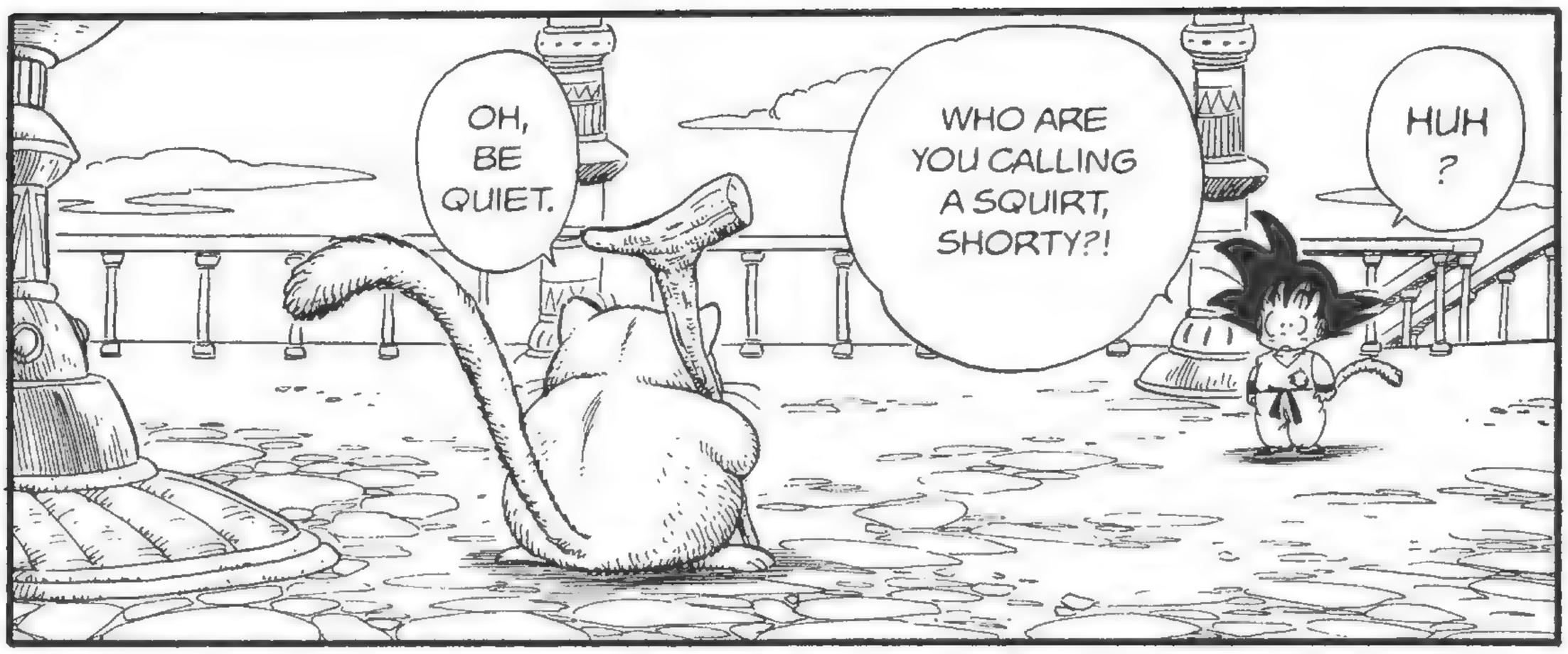
IT'S UP HERE-- COME ON UP!

HUH?

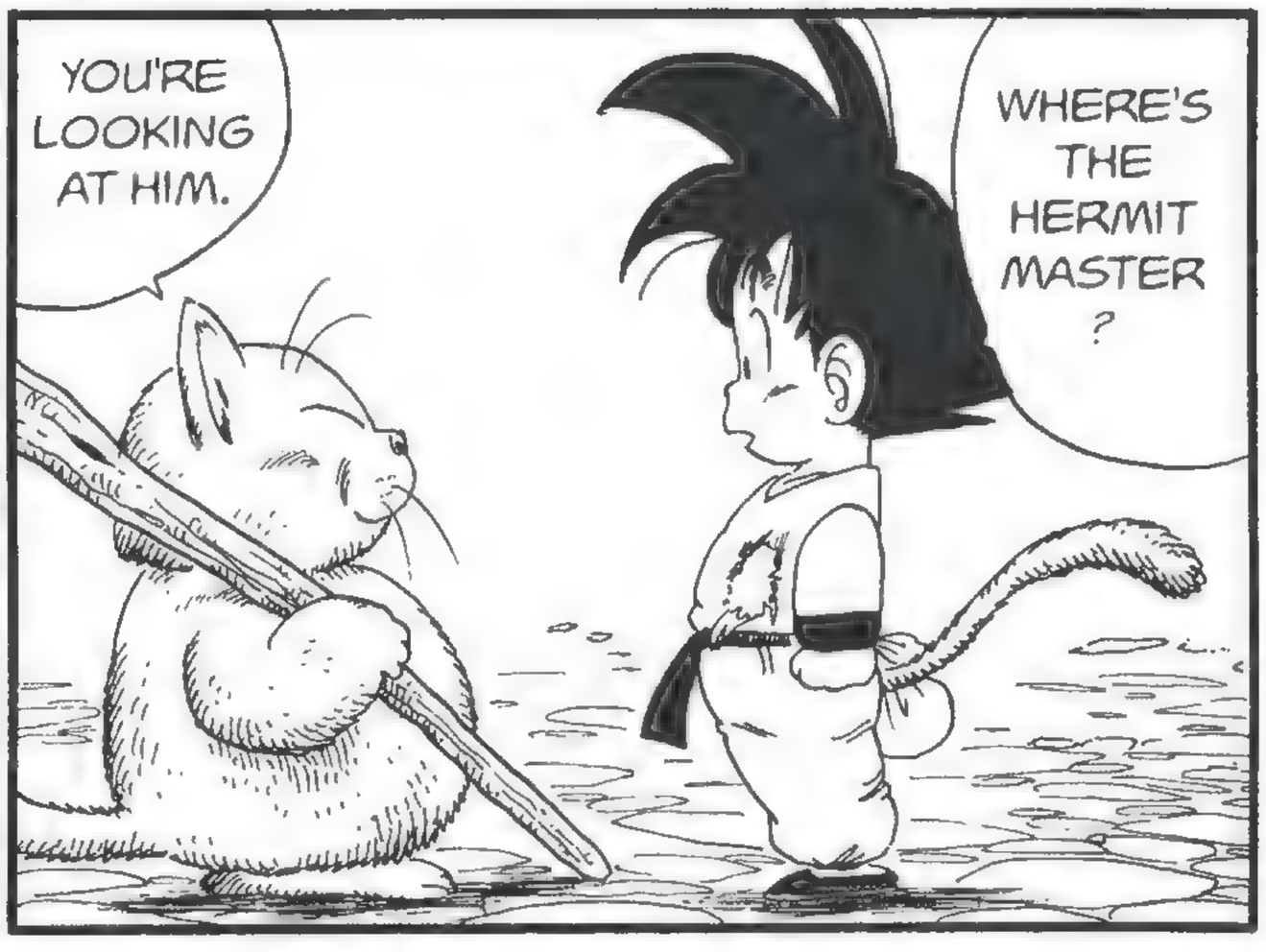
HEY-- MR. HERMIT MASTER! GIMME SOME WATER, PLEASE!

CONGRAT-ULATIONS ON REACHING THE TOP!

AND SO QUICKLY, TOO.... ESPECIALLY FOR A LITTLE SQUIRT LIKE YOU....

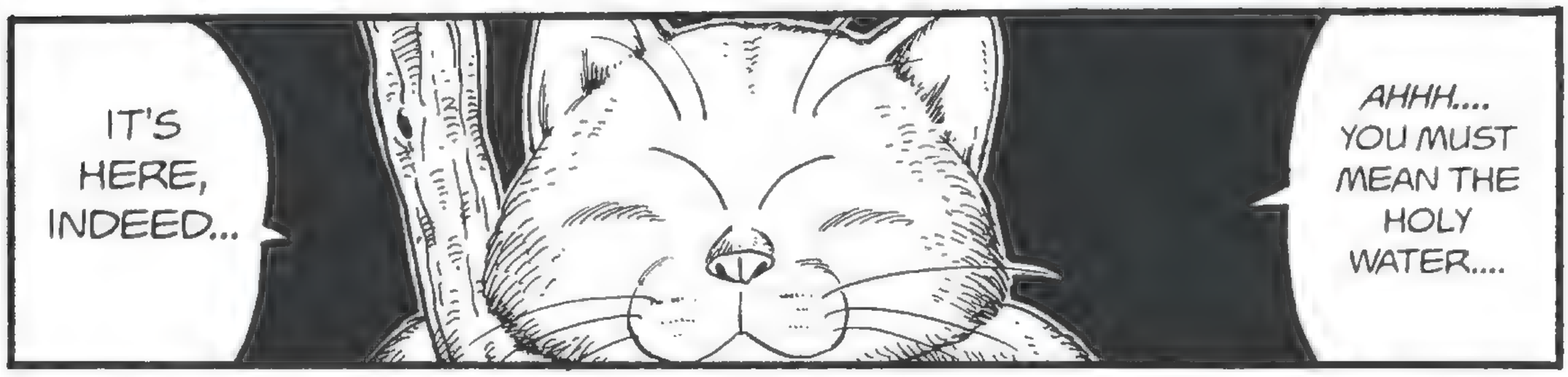

OH, BE QUIET.
WHO ARE YOU CALLING A SQUIRT, SHORTY?!
HUH ?

NOT WHAT YOU EX-PECTED ?
WHAT?! YOU'RE THE HERMIT MASTER?!


YOU'RE LOOKING AT HIM.
WHERE'S THE HERMIT MASTER ?

ALL I WANT TO KNOW ABOUT IS THIS WATER THAT'S SUPPOSED TO MULTIPLY YOUR STRENGTH! THAT'S WHAT I CAME FOR!
WELL, I GUESS IT DOESN'T MATTER...

IT'S TRUE, PERHAPS I SHOULD CALL MYSELF A HERMIT MEOWSTER.... HO HO HO....


IT'S HERE, INDEED...
AHHH.... YOU MUST MEAN THE HOLY WATER....

...IN THAT FLASK, SITTING RIGHT ON TOP OF THAT PODIUM....

REALLY! YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY A WORD!

I DON'T HAVE TO...? BUT YOU'RE THE ONE WHO ASKED!

NEVER MIND. YOU DON'T HAVE TO EXPLAIN.

SPEECH ISN'T YOUR STRONG SUIT, I SUSPECT.

WELL, YOU SEE, MY GRAM-PA...

BUT WAIT... DO YOU SEEK FURTHER STRENGTH? YOU MUST BE AWFULLY STRONG AS IT IS.

...

YOU MUST FIRST DEFEAT THIS KILLER NAMED TAOPAIPAI...

IN ORDER TO GATHER THE DRAGON BALLS AND REVIVE UPA'S FATHER...

I SEE--

YOU DO SEEM TO HAVE PURE MOTIVES, AT LEAST!

WELL, ALL RIGHT.

IF I COULDN'T READ YOUR MIND, I WOULDN'T BE MUCH OF A HERMIT MASTER.

H-HEY!! HOW'D YOU FIGURE THAT OUT?!

SO IT'S OKAY IF I TAKE SOME OF THIS SUPER WATER?

MIND READING, HUH.... ?

WOW...

PREVENT ?

NOT REALLY, NO. IT'S JUST THAT I'M GOING TO PREVENT YOU FROM DRINKING.

I'LL BE HAPPY TO GIVE YOU SOME... BUT DO YOU THINK YOU'LL BE ABLE TO DRINK IT?

HUH? DOES IT TASTE THAT BAD?!

HYAH !

HWRRR

TOP

WAAH !!

DOM

IF YOU WANT THE HOLY WATER, TRY TO TAKE THE FLASK AND DRINK IT!

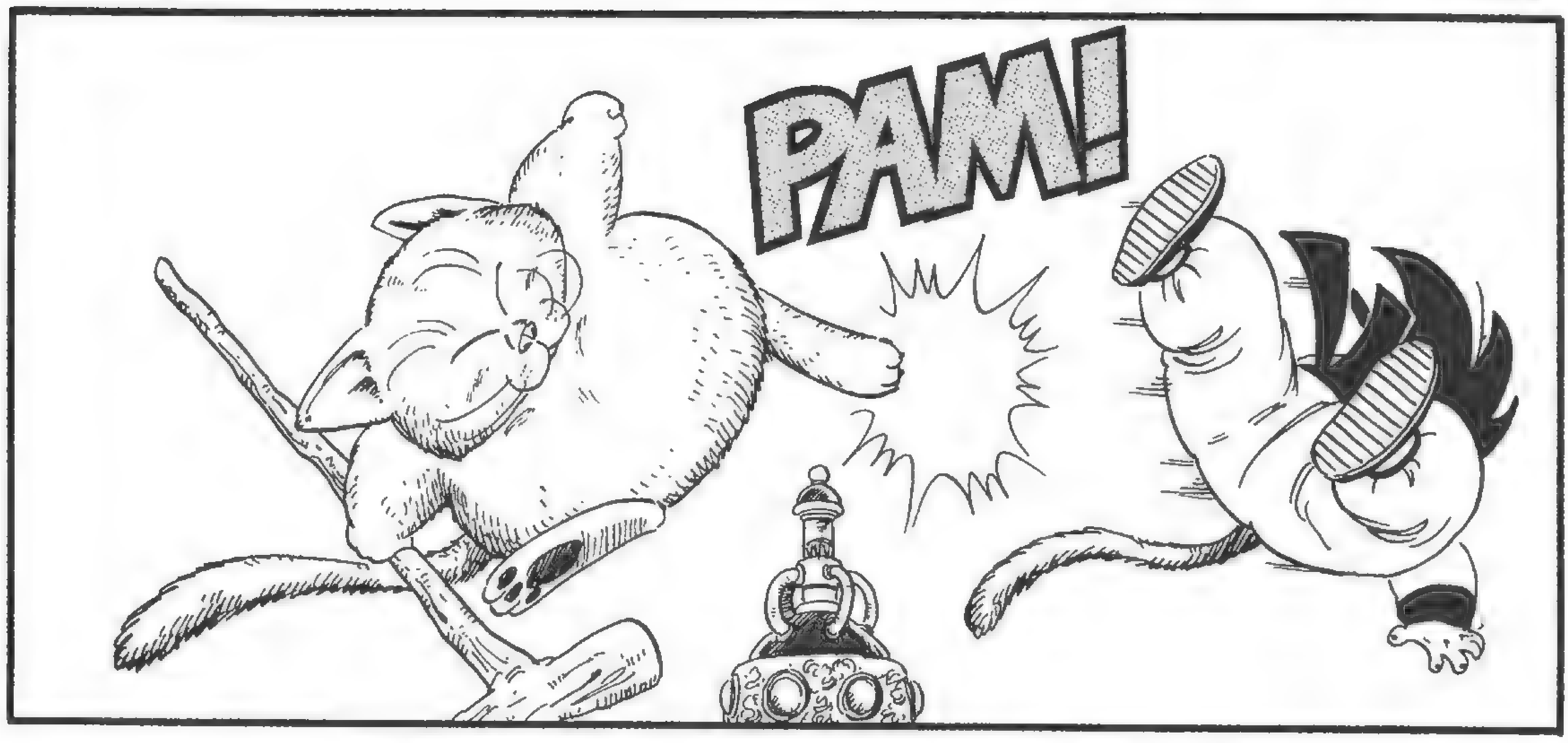
HEY-- WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT ?!!

SSHHH

HYUUUNN

OKAY THEN.... !!!

GEEZ YOU'RE ANNOYING...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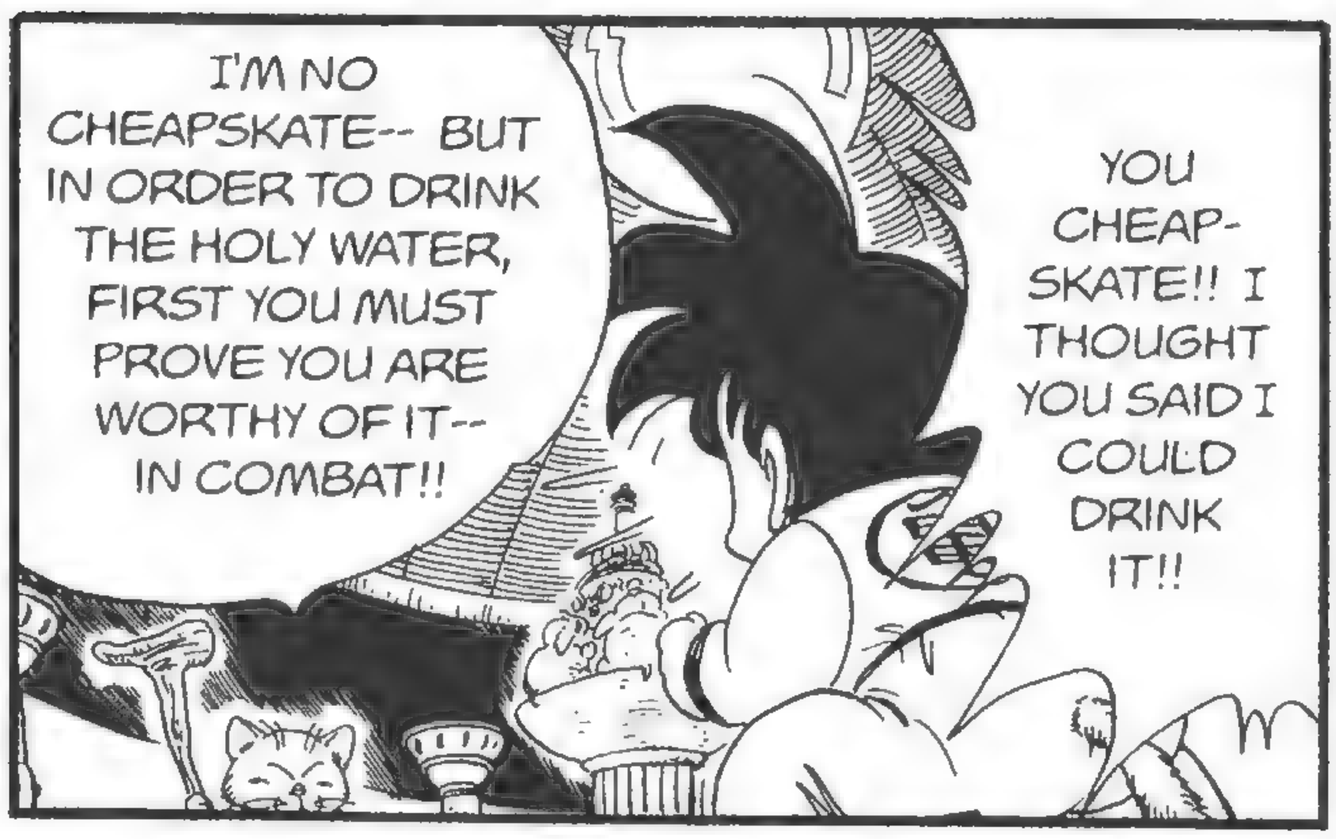
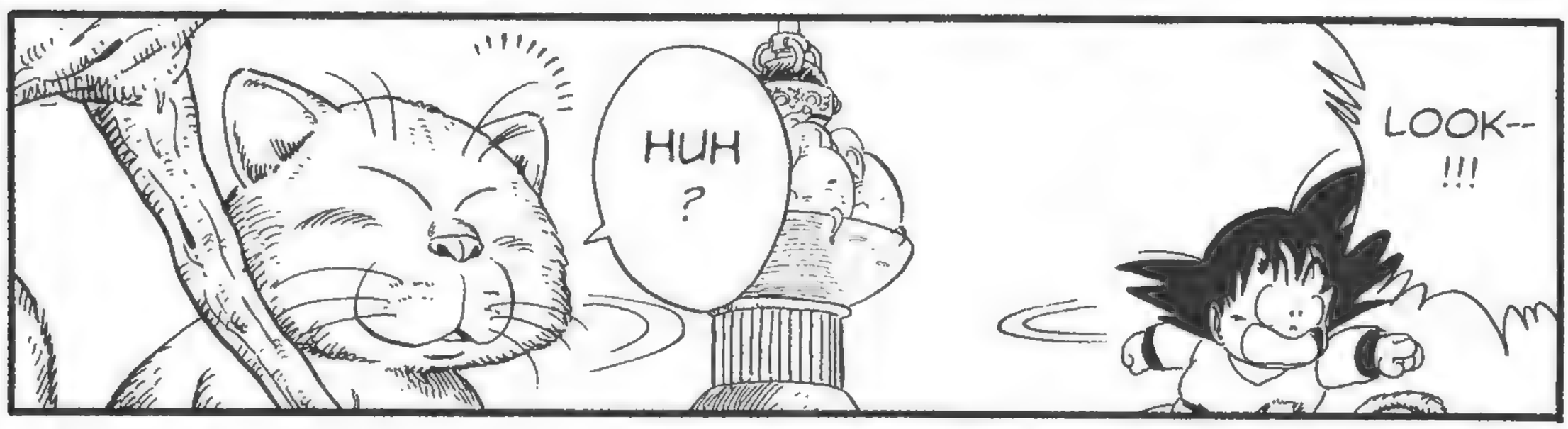
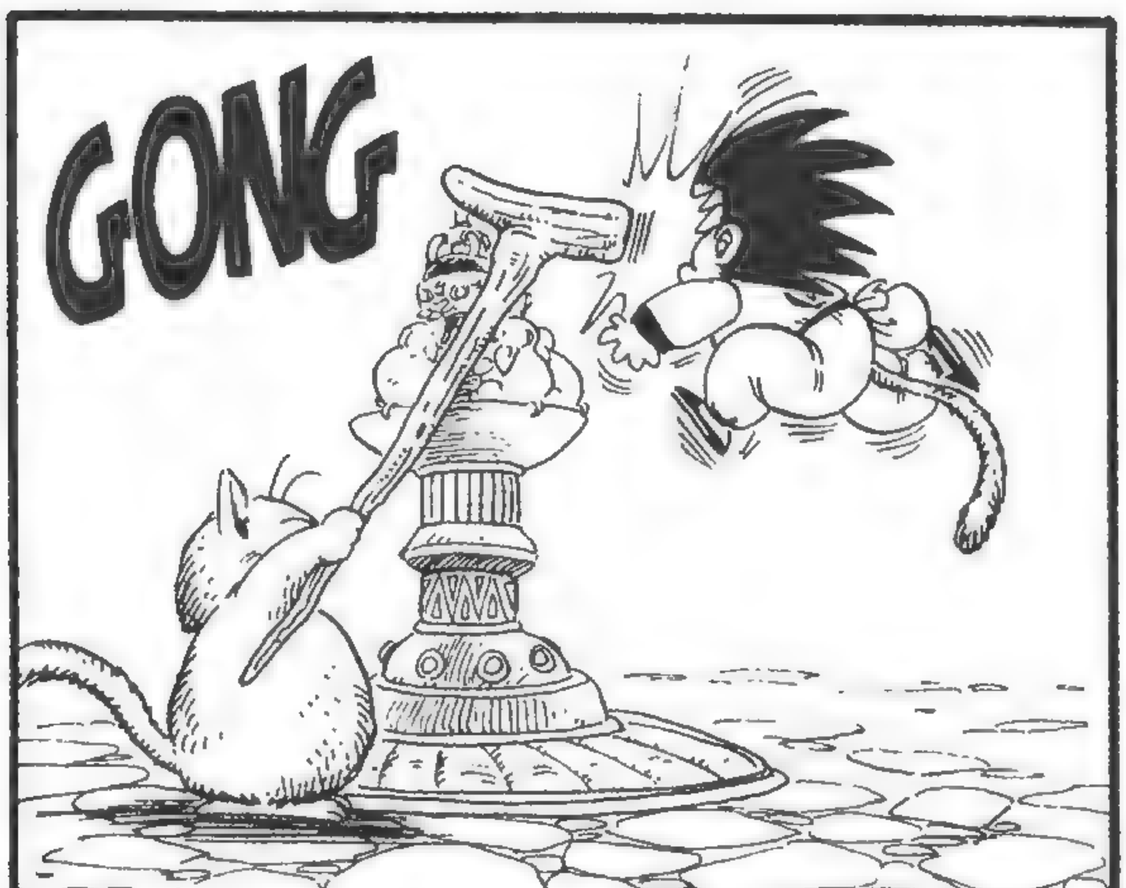

I'M NO CHEAPSKATE-- BUT IN ORDER TO DRINK THE HOLY WATER, FIRST YOU MUST PROVE YOU ARE WORTHY OF IT-- IN COMBAT!!
YOU CHEAP-SKATE!! I THOUGHT YOU SAID I COULD DRINK IT!!

TUP


HUH ?
LOOK-- !!!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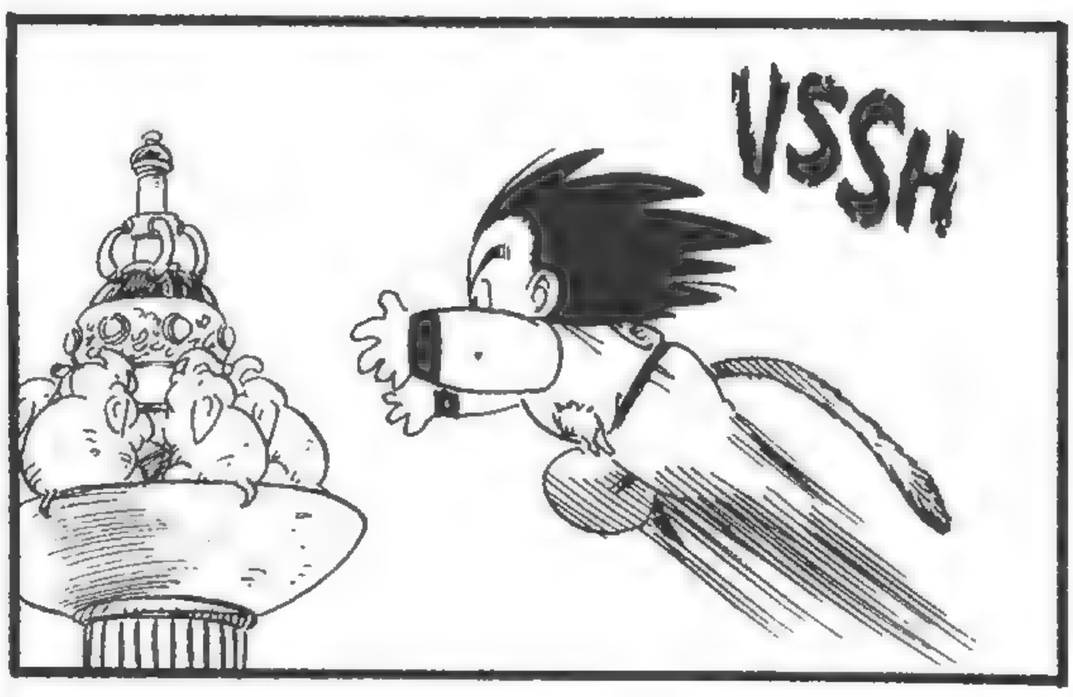

VSSH

PWIII

LOOK.

DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT A HERMIT MASTER WHO CAN READ MINDS WOULD FALL FOR THAT STUPID TRICK?

AIEE AIEE

OWW-- !!

I'M JUST GONNA TAKE THAT WATER !!

NOW YOU'VE GOT ME MAD!!

NO, NO, OVER HERE.

SLOSH SLOSH

HERE, HERE.

WHOOPSI!

FWAAA

TYAH-- !!

WHOOPS !

NYAH NYAH

HA!

WHOOPS !

CATCH ME IF YOU CAN--

YOU'RE NOT READING YOUR OPPONENT'S MOVES AT ALL! YOU'RE ONLY REACTING !

AT THE RATE YOU'RE GOING, YOU MAY HAVE THIS FLASK BY YOUR NEXT LIFE.

H- HE'S FAST... !!

PANT PANT

WELL THEN, I'LL LET YOU EAT.

OH ?

IF I WEREN'T STARVING, I COULD BEAT YOU JUST LIKE THAT!

WH- WHAT THE--

WHAT THE HECK IS THIS?!! IT'S JUST ONE BEAN!!

PAP

HUH ?

FWIP

BON APPETIT.

ONE OF THOSE AND YOU CAN GO WITHOUT EATING FOR 10 DAYS-- IT'S ONE POWERFUL BEAN!

PEOPLE HAVE BEEN DEALT DIVINE PUNISHMENT FOR REMARKS LIKE THAT! THAT'S A HOLY "*SENZU*" BEAN.

SIGH

GULP

IT TAKES A LOT MORE THAN THIS TO FILL ME UP...

MNCH MNCH

THIS THING... ?

HEH HEH HEH! YOUR LOSS! NOW THAT MY STOMACH'S FULL, THE FLASK IS MINE!

TSK TSK. POOR ME.

I-IT'S TRUE!! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT... !!

WH-WHAT THE-- ?!!

WHOOPS !

SSHHH

NOW !!!

WWNN

WH-WHAT INCREDIBLE SPEED...!

YIKES--- !!

TUP

HO !!!

OOPS !

MISSED ME!

YAH !!

HYOH !!

WHOOPSY-DAISY!

H-HEY...AM I THE...FIRST ONE TO CLIMB UP HERE...?

PANT PANT

GASP GASP

WHAT-- TIRED ALREADY ?

LET'S JUST SAY...800 SOME-THING.

H-HOW OLD *ARE* YOU?

ABOUT 300 YEARS AGO, THERE WAS ONE OTHER WHO WAS ABLE TO SCALE THE TOWER.

OH NO, YOU'RE NOT THE FIRST.

...WAS YOUR MENTOR.

THE ONE OTHER FELLOW WHO WAS ABLE TO SCALE THE TOWER....

YOU SHOULD RESPECT ME!

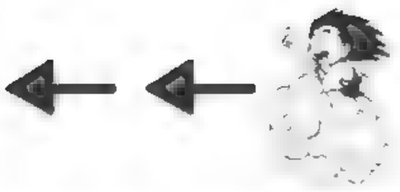
MAN.... YOU ARE *OLD!!*

YOUR MASTER IS THE MUTEN-RŌSHI, ISN'T HE?

I CAN TELL BY OBSERVING YOUR MOVES.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN ?!

HUH ?!



AND HE DRANK THE SUPER WATER AND GOT A LOT STRONGER ?!

YOU MEAN THE TURTLE GUY CAME HERE, WAY BACK WHEN?!

NOW DO YOU SEE?

YOU SHOULD BE CALLING ME KARIN-SEN'NIN-- ***MASTER*** KARIN!

WOW... YOU MUST BE REALLY FAMOUS, I'LL BET.....

...

MM-HM.

NO WAY!! THREE MINUTES ?!

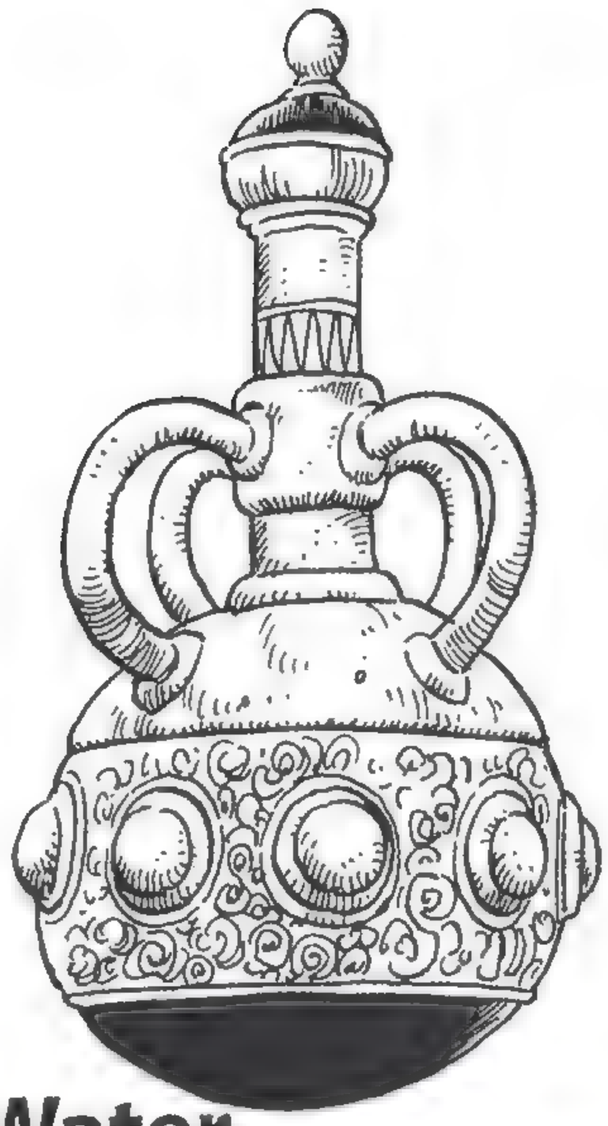
SO HOW LONG DID IT TAKE THE TURTLE GUY TO TAKE THE FLASK FROM YOU?

THREE ***YEARS.***

NO.

NEXT: The Secret of the Magic Water

WHICH MEANS HE HAS TO STEAL THE FLASK FROM MASTER KARIN WHO'S ONLY BEEN BEATEN ONCE BEFORE AND THAT WAS BY THE INVINCIBLE OLD MASTER, AND IT TOOK HIM....



OKAY, SO.... TO BRING UPA'S DAD BACK TO LIFE, GOKU HAS TO GET ALL THE DRAGON BALLS, WHICH MEANS HE HAS TO DEFEAT TAOPAIPAI, WHICH MEANS HE HAS TO INCREASE HIS STRENGTH, WHICH MEANS HE HAS TO DRINK THE HOLY WATER...

Tale 89 • A Drink of Water

B-B-BUT HE'S THE BEST FIGHTER I EVER KNEW !!

THREE YEARS ?!

I CAN'T WAIT THAT LONG!

Y-YOU'VE GOT TO BE JOKING.... !

SO HOW MANY YEARS DO YOU SUPPOSE IT WILL TAKE YOU?

THAT'S ALL IT WOULD TAKE, RIGHT ?

WELL, IF YOU CAN'T WAIT, YOU SHOULD JUST HURRY UP AND STEAL THIS HOLY WATER.

KWRRRRR

TYAH-- !!

ALL RIGHT--!! I'LL *DO* IT!!

KNNN

VNNN

VNNN

VNNN

HO! A SPLIT-IMAGE ILLUSION MOVE, HM?

HO HO HO...

SSHHH

HUH ?!

TOO BAD-- I WAS OVER HERE--!!

YWAAA

YOU'RE RIGHT THERE !!!

GO

KA

SHWAAA

EEP ?!

MEOW-HAHA !

I TURNED YOUR SPLIT-IMAGE BACK AGAINST YOU!

DID YOU THINK I WOULDN'T SEE THROUGH THAT?

OWW-- !!

THIS COULD BE QUITE INTERESTING...

THIS LAD IS PRETTY GOOD... I'VE NEVER SEEN SO MANY SPLIT IMAGES IN THAT MOVE BEFORE...

YOU PUT TOO MUCH EXTRA MOVEMENT IN YOUR MOVES, WHICH COSTS YOU BREATH.

WE'RE AT QUITE A HIGH ALTITUDE, YOU KNOW. THE AIR IS THIN.

HUF... HUF... HOW COME I'M OUT OF BREATH ALREADY...?

HUH? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT ?

I'LL HAVE TO TEACH YOU SOME THINGS, I SEE.

CLIMBING THIS VERY TALL TOWER HAS BEEN GOOD FOR YOUR LUNG CONDITIONING, I SUSPECT....

OH, YES, YES. BUT YOU'LL NEED A LITTLE MORE CONDITIONING THAN THAT....

YOU THINK SO...?

HUH ?

AND WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO?! GIVE IT BACK!!

HEY!! THE POUCH WITH MY DRAGON BALL...!! WHEN DID YOU TAKE THAT?!

HYOOON

WACK!! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE--?!!!

POIII

HERE.

TAM

YOU'RE CRAZY--!!!!

F

S

H

SHEESH !!

PHEW-- !!

THERE IT IS!!

IF THE RED RIBBON ARMY GOT AHOLD OF THAT BALL, IT'D BE AWFUL!!!

WHAT'S THE IDEA, MAKING ME GO THROUGH ALL THAT ?!!

PANT PANT !!

DON'T YOU APPRECIATE THE EXTRA TRAINING ?

HO HO HO...

BUT JUST NOW YOU MADE THE ROUND TRIP IN ABOUT THREE HOURS.... THAT'S SOME PROGRESS!

IT TOOK YOU ALMOST A WHOLE DAY TO CLIMB THE TOWER THE FIRST TIME....

W-WELL.... I GUESS....

...

THAT CONCEITED CAT!!

I'M GONNA MAKE IT YOWL!!!

OH YEAH...

...

STEAL THE FLASK AND DRINK THE HOLY WATER.

NOW... BACK TO BUSI-NESS--

HO- YOU'RE GETTING BETTER AT KEEPING UP WITH ME NOW--

BUT YOU'RE STILL FAR FROM STEALING IT....

TAH !

YAH!

WHY DON'T WE CALL IT A DAY? I'M SLEEPY.

PANT PANT

GASP

ZZZ

ZZZ

ZZZZZZ

SNEAK SNEAK

VIP

. . .

SHZZXX

SHNORR

ZZZ

NYAH, NO WAY.

I'M DEFINITELY *GONNA* TAKE IT...BUT I'LL DO IT FAIR AND SQUARE!

TAKE THAT !!

YAH !!

TOH !!

AND SO THE NEXT DAY AND THE DAY AFTER THAT.....

WHAT A REFRESH-INGLY HONEST LAD...

HO HO HO...

QUITE A CHANGE FROM HIS MENTOR...

HAH !!

ALL RIGHT! TODAY IS THE DAY I *WILL* TAKE THAT FLASK!

VNNN

BASSSH

PAP

HAII !!!

TOH !!!

FWAA

GYA-
HAHA-
HAHA-
HA!!!

TICKLE
TICKLE

OH
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BO
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SH-
SHOOT
!!!

YOU'LL FALL !!!!

IT'S NOT WORTH IT !!!

L- LAD !!!

WAAH-- ...!

GRAB

I GOT THE FLASK-- !!

YAY-- !!!

JUST KIDDING !

OH !!

TO HAVE DONE IT IN JUST THREE DAYS... !

WH-WHAT AN ASTON-ISHING CHILD....

HEH HEH HEH--

POP

OF COURSE-- GO AHEAD, DRINK IT

I CAN DRINK IT, RIGHT ?!

...?

GLUP GLUP GLUP

THE "HOLY WATER" IS JUST ORDINARY RAIN WATER.

OF COURSE NOT.

HEY... I DON'T REALLY FEEL ANY DIFFERENT....

...?

Y-YOU MEAN YOU TRICKED ME?!! WHAT A MEAN, LOW----

WHAT-- ?!

HUH?

YOUR STRENGTH HAS ALREADY MULTIPLIED MANY-FOLD!!

MEOW-HAHA! I DIDN'T TRICK YOU!!

AND TRYING TO STEAL THE FLASK FROM ME... THEY WERE ALL TRAINING EXERCISES TO INCREASE YOUR STRENGTH.

CLIMBING UP AND DOWN THE KARIN TOWER...

DO YOU FINALLY UNDER-STAND NOW?

HUH...?

OH...!

THANKS A WHOLE LOT, MASTER KARIN!!

AWRIGHT!!

NOW, DESCEND BACK TO THE WORLD AND GO TEST THE FRUITS OF YOUR TRAINING!

...MAY ALREADY HAVE OUT-STRIPPED HIS MENTOR!

MY MY... THAT LAD.....

'BYE-BYE!!

AREN'T YOU A CHEERFUL FELLOW, THOUGH?

NEXT: Son Goku's Revenge

Tale 90 • Son Goku Strikes Back!

GLANCE GLANCE

TROT TROT TROT

IT'S BEEN THREE DAYS ALREADY... I WONDER IF GOKU WAS ABLE TO GET TO THE TOP...

YES, YES, JUST AS I INSTRUCTED....

EXCEL-LENT.

I WENT WITHOUT SLEEP TO FINISH IT!

I SUPPOSE I SHOULD HEAD OFF TO FIND THAT LAST DRAGON BALL OR WHATEVER IT IS...

NOW THEN...

...EXPECT TO TAKE MONEY FROM TAOPAIPAI, THE WORLD'S GREATEST ASSASSIN?!

YOU...

B-BUT... I HAVE TO MAKE A LIVING TOO...

TWIK

UM... M-MY FEE...?

YOU DON'T KNOW HOW LUCKY YOU ARE! MY HIT FEE IS MORE THAN A LOWLY CITIZEN LIKE YOU COULD AFFORD IF YOU WORKED EVERY DAY FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE! NOW...WHO'LL IT BE?

ALL RIGHT, THEN, LET'S DO THIS. I'M A KILLER. SO INSTEAD OF MONEY, I'LL KILL SOMEONE FOR YOU!

WELL THEN... WOULD ***YOU*** LIKE TO DIE?

THERE'S NOBODY I WANT TO KILL!!

N-NO !!

JABB

KEEP THE CHANGE.

DNNN

KRAM

!!

TUP

GASP !!

YOU AGAIN!! I MUST AVENGE FATHER!!

HYAH !!!

VNNN

HAND IT OVER.

THERE SHOULD BE ONE OF THOSE BALLS ROLLING AROUND HERE SOME-WHERE.

YAAH !!!

PAMM

ZIP

PERHAPS YOU DIDN'T HEAR ME!

NNH... NNGH... !!

WHERE IS THE *BALL* !?

GRAB

AFTER ALL, I CAN ALWAYS USE THAT RADAR GADGET TO LOCATE THE BALL, EH?

IN THAT CASE, I'LL JUST KILL YOU RIGHT HERE.

I-I'LL... NEVER... TELL YOU...!!

WAAH !!!

VNNN

WHAT A STUBBORN BRAT. ALL RIGHT THEN, HAVE IT YOUR WAY.

...

!!!

KINTO'-
UN!!!

OOONNN

FWA

OOOO

MADE IT--!!!

OH !!!

...IN THE WORLD... ?!!!

WHAT... !!!

HE COULDN'T HAVE...

THIS MUST BE A JOKE...

THAT'S WHY I TOLD YOU TO HIDE!

G-GOKU !!

YAAAAAY !!!

YUP!! I'M BETTER'N EVER NOW !!

YOU MADE IT TO THE *TOP*?! YOU GOT TO DRINK THE HOLY WATER?!!

TUP

YES, SIR !!

YOU JUST STAY UP HERE ON MY CLOUD, OKAY?

WELL, YOU AREN'T GETTIN' IT!

YOU WANT THE DRAGON BALL?

SO... YOU'RE STILL ALIVE, EH...?!

I WAS SAVED BY THE DRAGON BALL IN MY SHIRT POCKET!

NO ONE SURVIVES TAOPAIPAI'S DODON-PA!

HOW'D YOU DO IT, BOY ?!

NOTHING WILL SAVE YOU NOW. YOU SHOULD HAVE STAYED IN HIDING, FOOL!

BUT THIS... IS WHERE YOUR LUCK RUNS OUT.

IF YOU'D BEEN HIT BY THAT BLAST YOU'D BE DEAD AS THAT DRAGON BALL!

I SEE... *HEH HEH HEH...* WHAT A LUCKY FELLOW YOU ARE...

AND I WON'T LET YOU KNOCK ME AROUND AGAIN EITHER!

I ***WON'T*** HAND IT OVER !

NOW HAND OVER THE BALL....

...OR WOULD YOU RATHER DIE FOR ***REAL*** THIS TIME ?!

YOU'LL BE DEAD IN THREE SECONDS !!

HAHAHA... YOU LITTLE NINCOM-POOP !

DOM

HAIYAH !!!!

HWAA

VVVV

UGH !!!

BONK

BO

My

TOM

M

NKH !!!

KILL YOU!!

BWAK

FOOO

...WOW...

...GOKU...
!

GAH
!!!

GLAM

TMP

TOP

I THINK YOUR THREE SECONDS IS UP BY NOW!!

I WAS *TRAINING* AT THE TOP OF THAT POLE !!

THAT'S CUZ I WASN'T HIDING--

YOU WEREN'T DOING ANY-THING LIKE THIS THREE DAYS AGO!

WH-WHAT... ?!

NO THREE DAYS OF TRAINING COULD DO THIS!!

TRAIN-ING... AT THE TOP ... ?!

WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE.... ?!

YEAH! DO YOU KNOW KARIN TOO?
KILL YOU!
YOUR TRAINER WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO HAVE BEEN A MASTER NAMED KARIN....?!
...WAIT... KARIN SANC- TUARY...
DON'T TELL ME...!!

I THOUGHT IT WAS JUST AN ANCIENT LEGEND...BUT... IF IT'S TRUE...
N...NO...! THE MASTER WHO HAS BEEN CALLED THE "GOD OF MARTIAL ARTS"... REALLY HERE...?

NEXT: Goku vs. Taopaipai, Take Two!

Tale 91 • Battle in the Sanctuary!!

QUIT YAKKING AND MAKE YOUR MOVE!!

HEH HEH HEH... NOW SEE WHAT HAPPENS TO THOSE WHO UNDER-ESTIMATE TAOPAIPAI !!

FINALLY !!

NOW I'M GOING TO GET *SERIOUS* !!

OOOOO, ARE YOU ANNOYING... !!

TSOH !!!!

GOOD LUCK, GOKU-- !!

BOOF

KRAK KRAK

BWAK

YAH !!

...UGH... !

HEH HEH--

TUP

YOU--...
!!

Y...

HAI
!!!!!
!!!!

YMM

GNNN

THOOM

UGH!!

WHOK

THOP

DWOK

TMMM

THWOG

TUP

OOP

YOU SAID YOU WERE GONNA BE SERIOUS!

INGRATE! I HOLD BACK BECAUSE YOU'RE A CHILD AND WHAT DO YOU DO?! TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ME!!

RRRRIP

TAOPAIPAI'S ULTIMATE MOVE...THE DODON BLAST!!!!!

ALL RIGHT... THIS TIME I'M *SERIOUSLY* SERIOUS !!!

DODONPA!!

LOOK OUT !!!

G-GOKU !!!

ZZIP

SHWA

Uhooo

C'MON!!! GIMME YOUR BEST!!!

BAM

ZUD-D-D-D-!!

QUIVER
QUIVER

PUFF
PUFF

OWWW
!!

TWITCH TWITCH

...AND YOUR DOO-DOO THINGIE DOESN'T WORK AGAINST ME !

HEY! MY KAMEHA-MEHA DIDN'T WORK AGAINST YOU...

YOU DON'T MEAN...

N... NO.....

M-MY DODON-PA...

PING

GRAB

YOU... !!

HE DID IT!!

WAAA !!

TYAA !!!

SSSHH

BOOM

SWIP

A CAPSULE !

HYAA !!!

FYOOOO

WHOA, WHOA !!

HO !!!

YIPE !!!

SPLASH

WAHAHA! EVEN YOU ARE NO MATCH FOR MY BLADE!!

AUGH !!

HAA !!

TAA !!!

EEP---

DASH

OWW !!

TEP

HOP

FLINNNG

G-GOKU !!!!

SNATCH

MY NYOI-BÔ !!!

!!

THANKS !!

BONG

FWASH

DYAH-- !!!

SSSS

YOH-!!!

PING

POIIII

HEH

I'M GONNA BEAT YOU BARE-HANDED !!

NEXT: Monkey vs. Assassin!

Tale 92 • Taopaipai at the Brink

...THE WORLD'S GREATEST ASSASSIN... *BARE-HANDED--?!!*

Y-YOU DARE TO SAY... THAT *YOU* WILL DEFEAT....

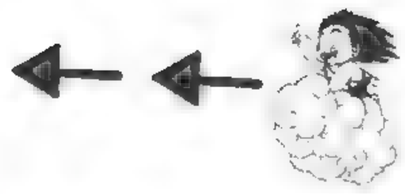
IF JUST WOULDN'T FEEL RIGHT TO DO IT ANY OTHER WAY!!

YUP !!

JUST SHUT UP AND ATTACK !!

NO WONDER I HATE CHILDREN !

FEH! WH-WHAT IDIOTIC GAGS YOU SPOUT!



I KNOW YOU WILL, GOKU!!

I PROMISE TO AVENGE YOUR DAD, UPA !!

YOU WILL BE *SORRY* !!!

Y-YOU MAKE LIGHT OF ME....

TSUAH

FYOO

!!!!

BLOK

TOON

GOG

VWOO

BUDDA
BUDDA
BUDDA

SEI-
YAH
!!!

WHY ARE YOU JUST LETTING HIM HIT YOU ?!

WH-WHAT'S HAP-PENING, GOKU-- ?!!

DWOG

HYAAH !!!

LEAP

BA-

CHA-
!!!!

HWOOO

!!

WHRL

HEH...

AARGH

!!

DOOF!!

BY THE TIME YOU REALIZED WHAT YOU WERE UP AGAINST, IT WAS ALREADY TOO LATE !!!

HAHAHA !!!

DEAD AT LAST, EH ?!!

HUH ?

MWIP

GOKU !!

MAN! YOU *ARE* GOOD !

YOU'RE A MONSTER !!!

Y-

THAT REALLY HURT !

AND I KNOW HOW TO FIGHT BACK!!!

BUT NOW I'VE SEEN ALL YOUR MOVES!!

IMPU-
DENT--
LITTLE--
!!!!

YOU--

ZMMMM

HYAH!!!!

DOOM

KWAM

DOMMM

TAP

GAG

NNNNH...
!!

KRAK

TH-THERE HAS TO BE SOME EXPLANATION.... !!!

HIS SPEED... IS IMPOSSIBLE !!

I-I'M FINISHED... UNLESS... !!

HERE I COME AGAIN !!

I SWEAR I'LL NEVER COMMIT EVIL DEEDS AGAIN!!

FOR-GIVE ME !!!

WAIT!!! I'M SORRY !!!

...

HUH ?!

PLEASE!! HAVE MERCY !!

B-BUT GEEZ... AFTER EVERY-THING YOU'VE DONE...?

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO...?

...

WA-HAHAHA-HAHA!!!

YOU FELL FOR IT!!!!

VOOON

WHAT--?!

IT'S A BOMB--!!!!

DIVE

KLONK

FARE-
WELL---
FOOLS
!!!

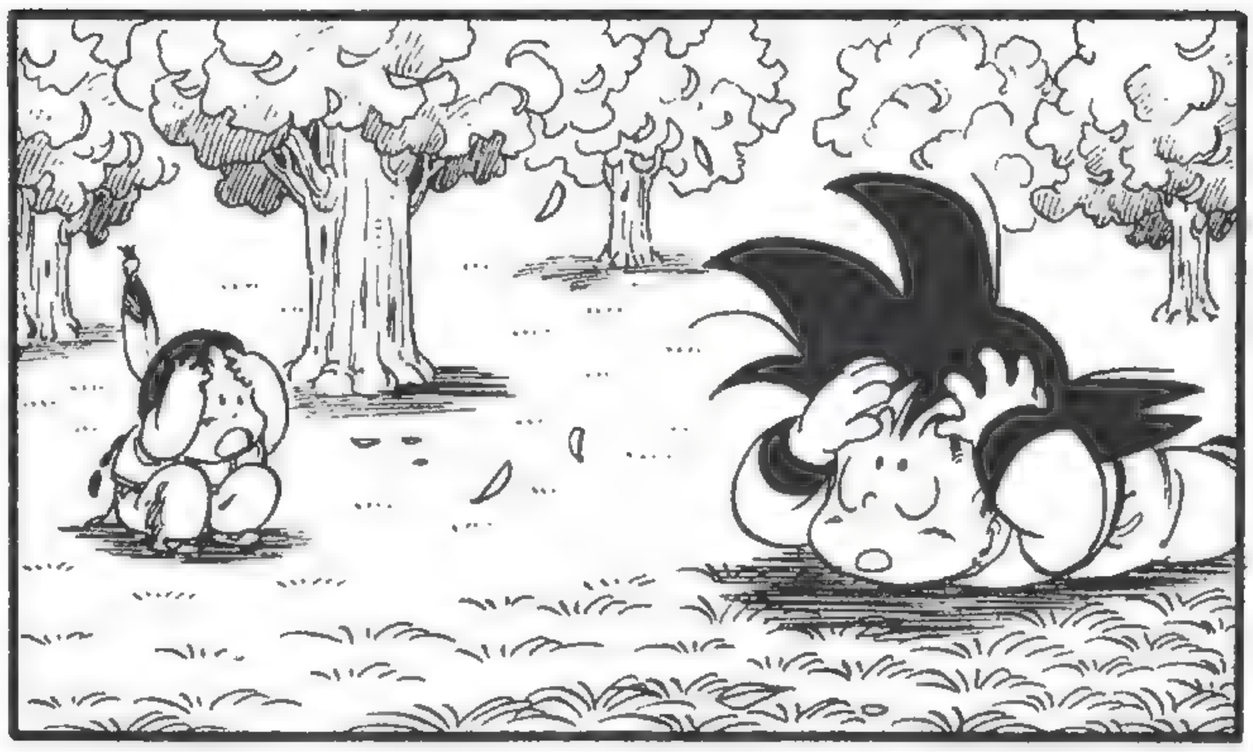
KRAK

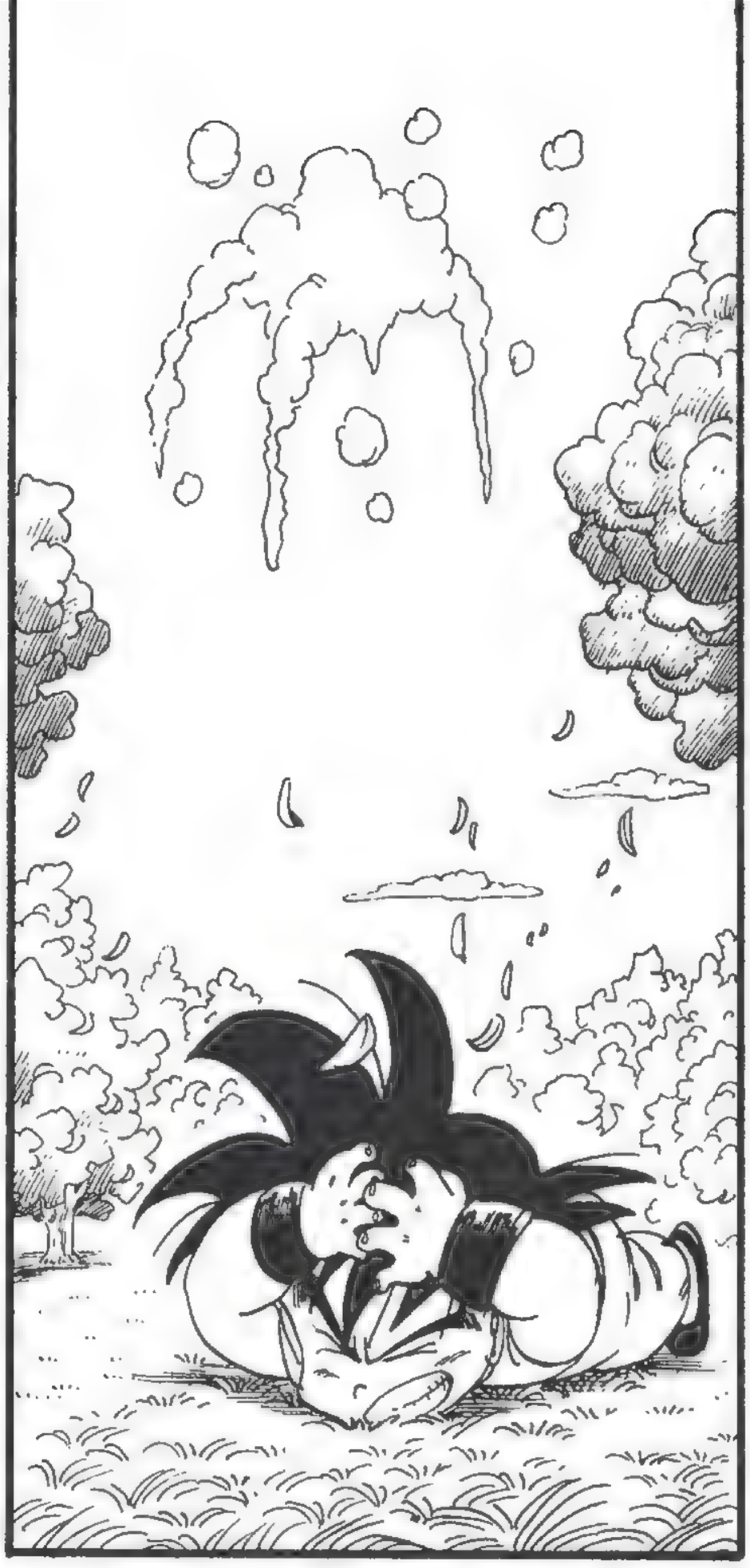
NO...

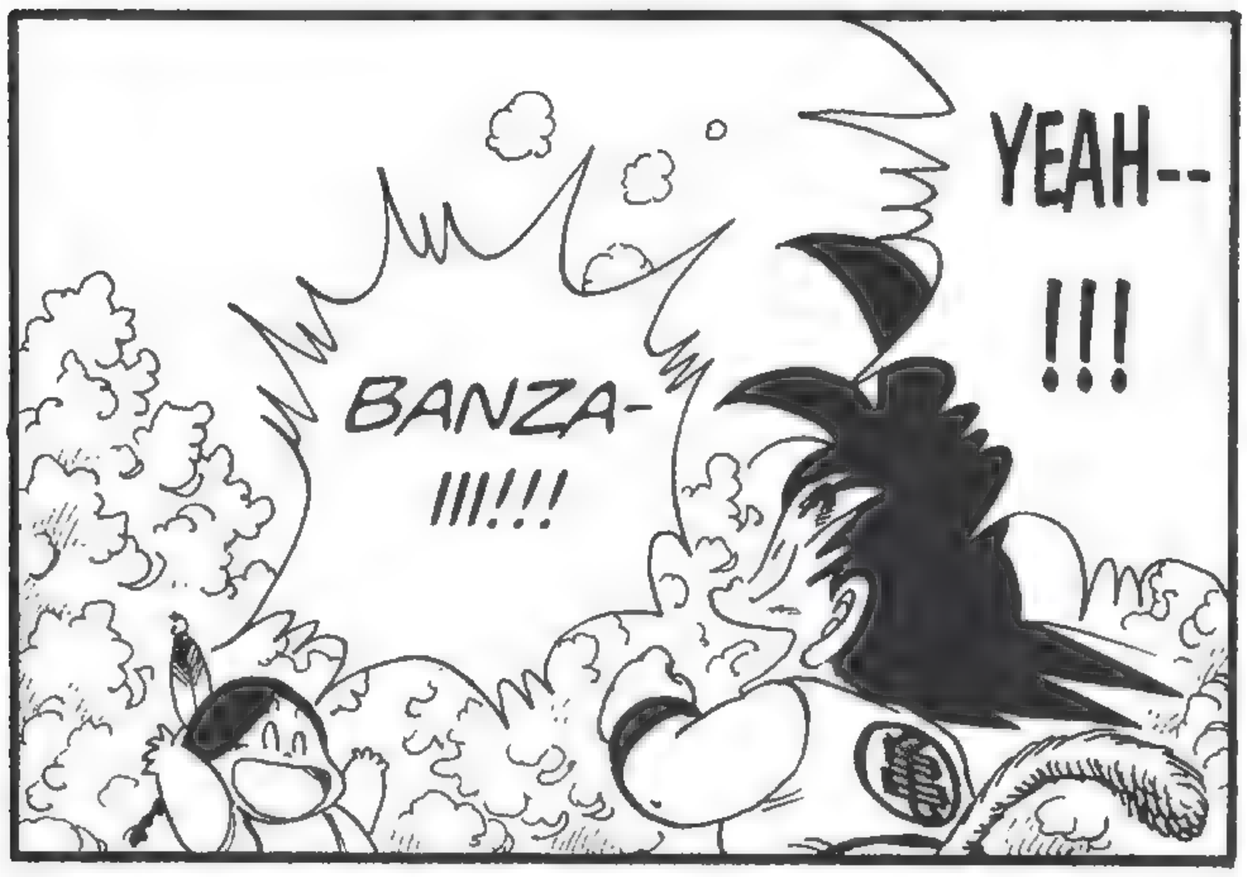
EH--
?!

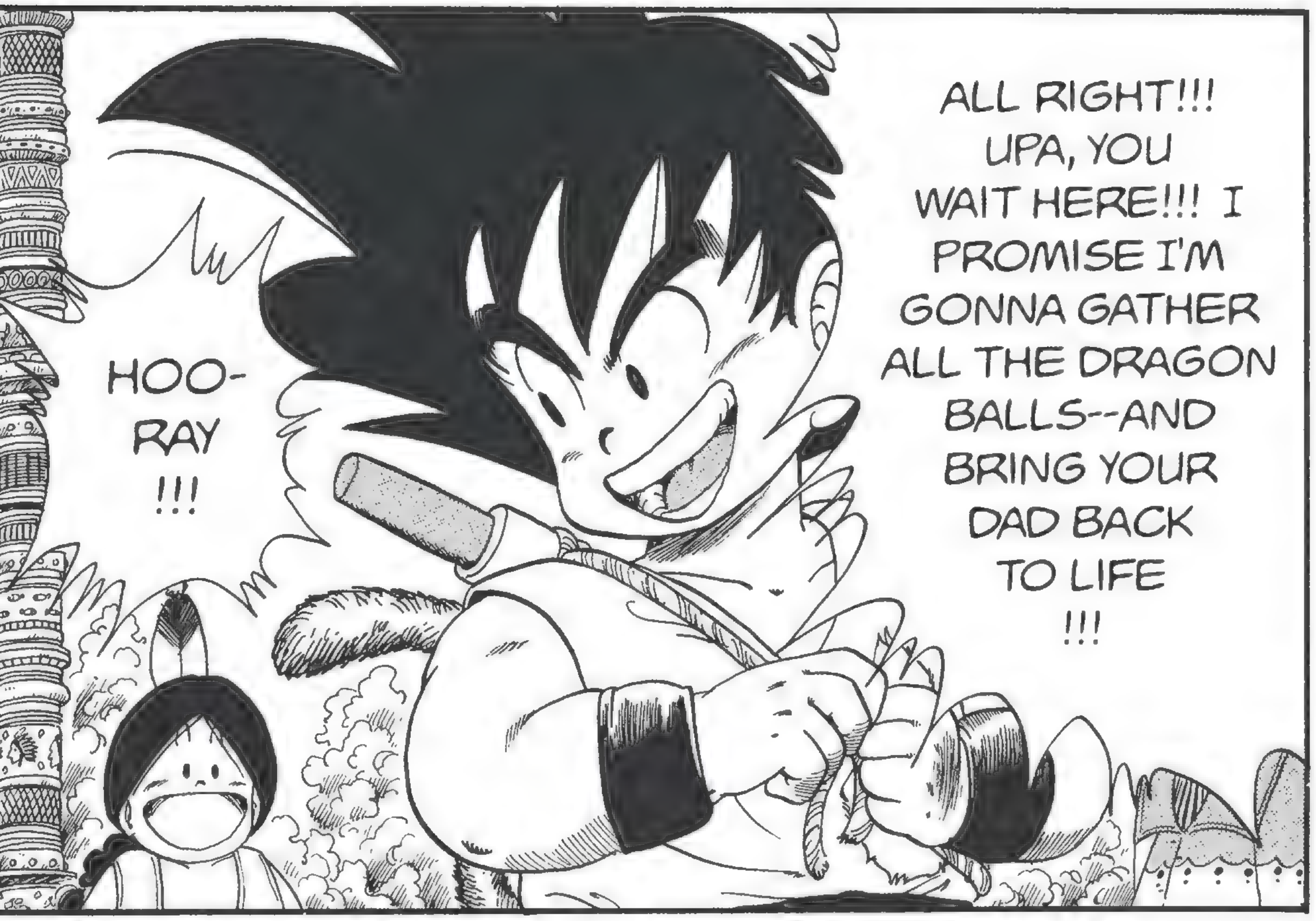
BLAMBOOM

UGH
!!!



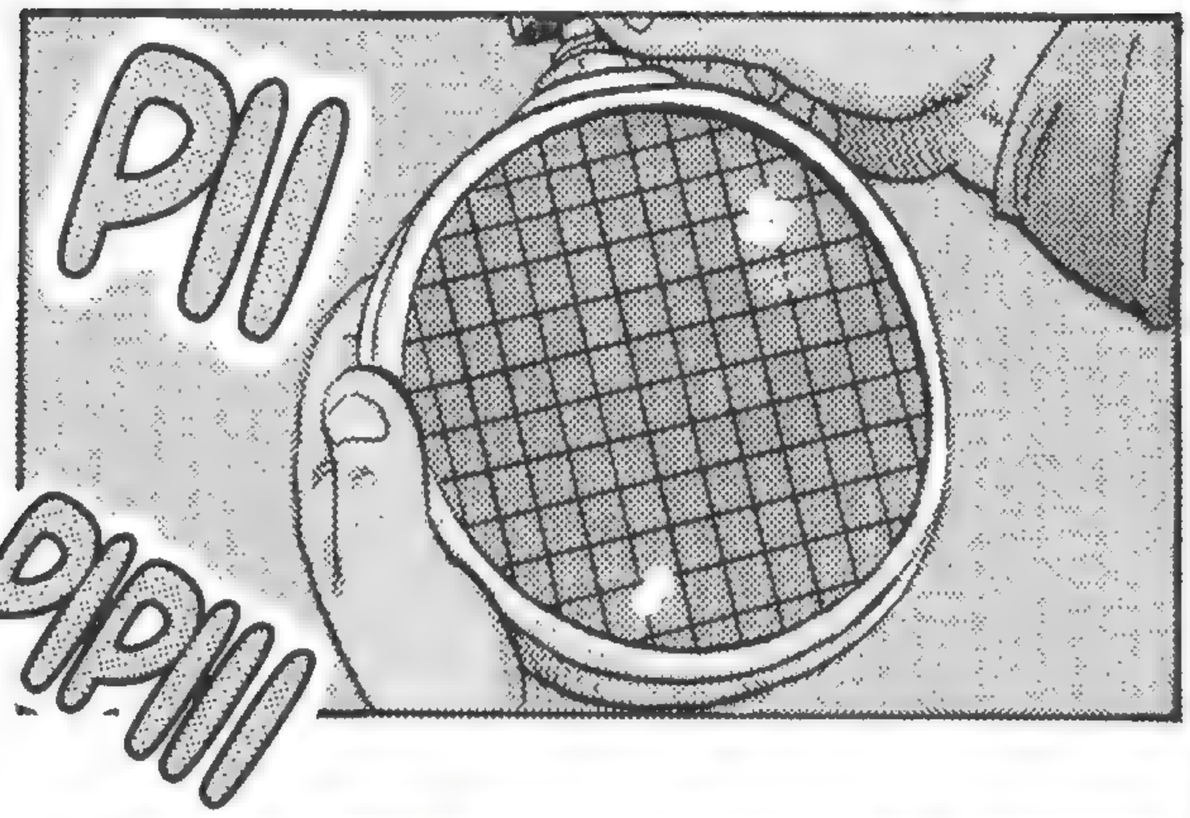


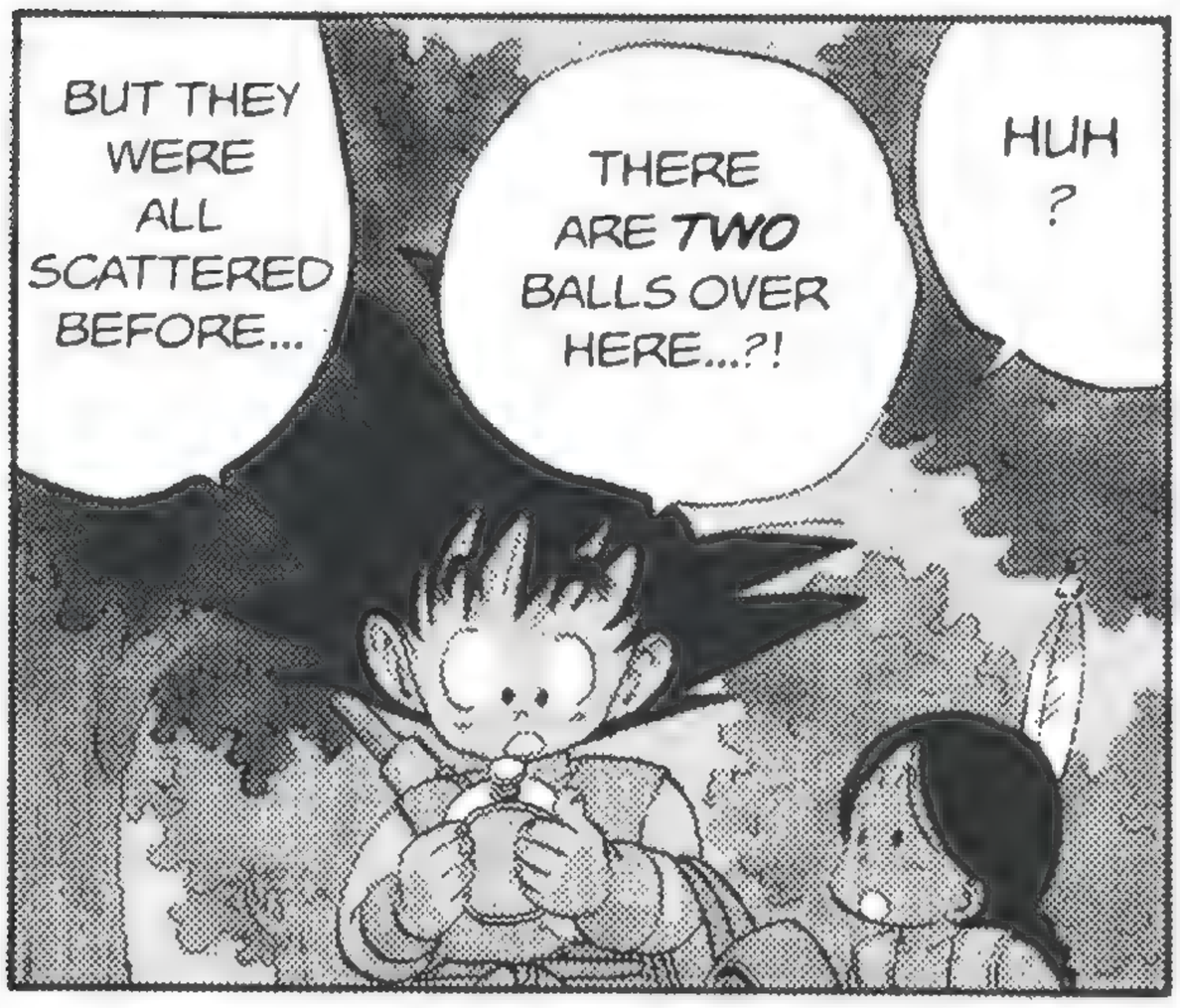


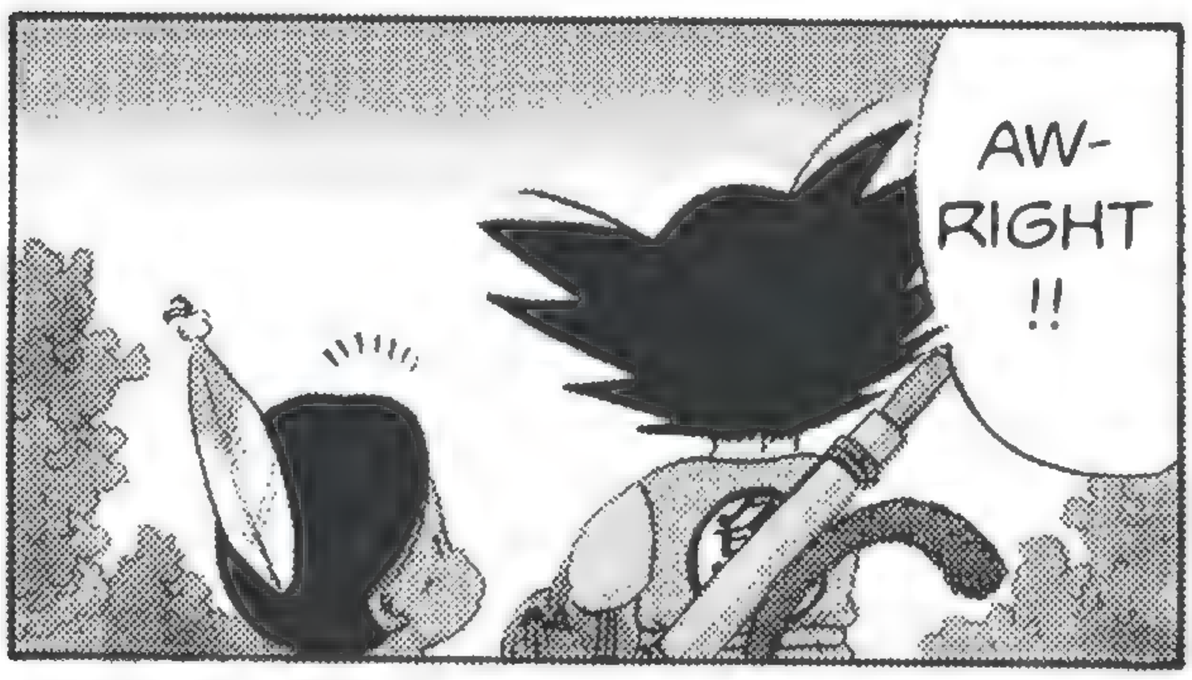


NEXT: Goku's Charge!

Tale 93 • Goku's Charge







AFTER GAINING TREMENDOUS POWER ON THE KARIN TOWER, GOKU FINALLY TOOK DOWN TAOPAIPAI! NOW HE PLANS TO CONTINUE HIS QUEST FOR DRAGON BALLS SO THAT HE CAN USE THEM TO RESURRECT UPA'S MURDERED FATHER... BUT THERE ARE THREE BALLS LEFT AND HIS NEXT TARGET IS...

I CAN BEAT THEM ALL UP WHILE I'M AT IT!!!

THIS IS PERFECT !!

OH, *FOOEY*, DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME!

JUST DON'T GET INTO ANYTHING MORE DANGEROUS THAN YOU HAVE TO, OKAY?

WELL, I GOTTA GO THERE TO GET THE BALLS ANYWAY, RIGHT?

B-B-BUT THAT'S TOO MUCH EVEN FOR YOU, GOKU! TO TAKE ON THE RED RIBBON ARMY ALONE...

RED RIBBON ARMY HQ

RR

KINTO-UN~~!

SORRY IT TOOK SO LONG TO FIND, SIR!

MISSION ACCOM-PLISHED !

COMMANDER RED, COLONEL VIOLET HAS RETURNED WITH THE DRAGON BALL.

MMM !

VERY WELL--GIVE THAT RADAR TO GENERAL COPPER AND ORDER HIM TO FIND THE LAST DRAGON BALL IMMEDIATELY!

EH ?

WE WERE ABLE TO LOCATE THE TARGET ALMOST INSTANTA-NEOUSLY.

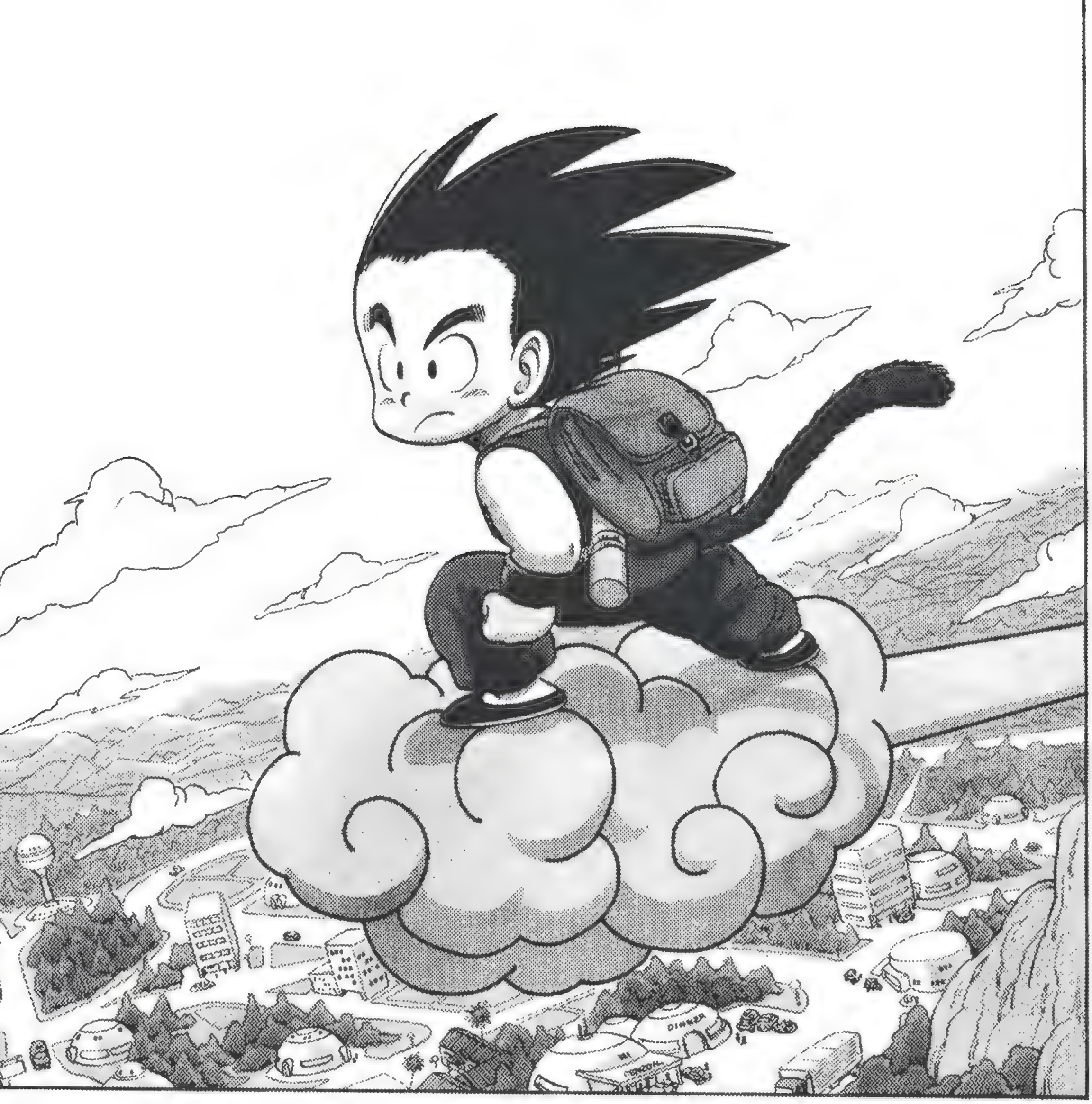
THE PRECISION OF THE ENEMY'S RADAR IS QUITE IMPRESSIVE.

EX--CELLENT! NOW, WHEN TAOPAIPAI RETURNS, WE'LL HAVE SIX OF THE SEVEN!

IT'S TAOPAI-PAI....

MOVING ?

COM-MANDER... THOSE FOUR BALLS... THEY'RE MOVING!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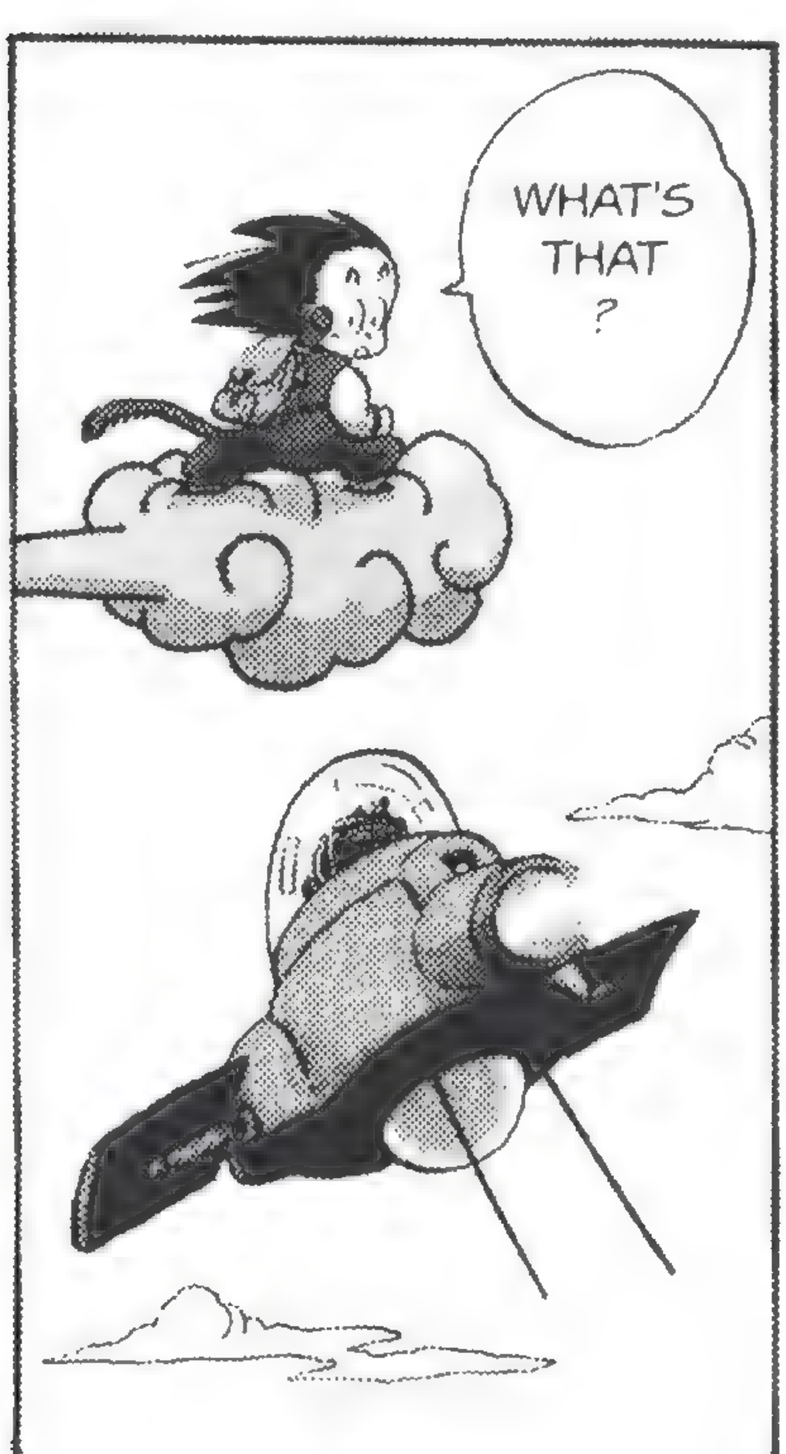
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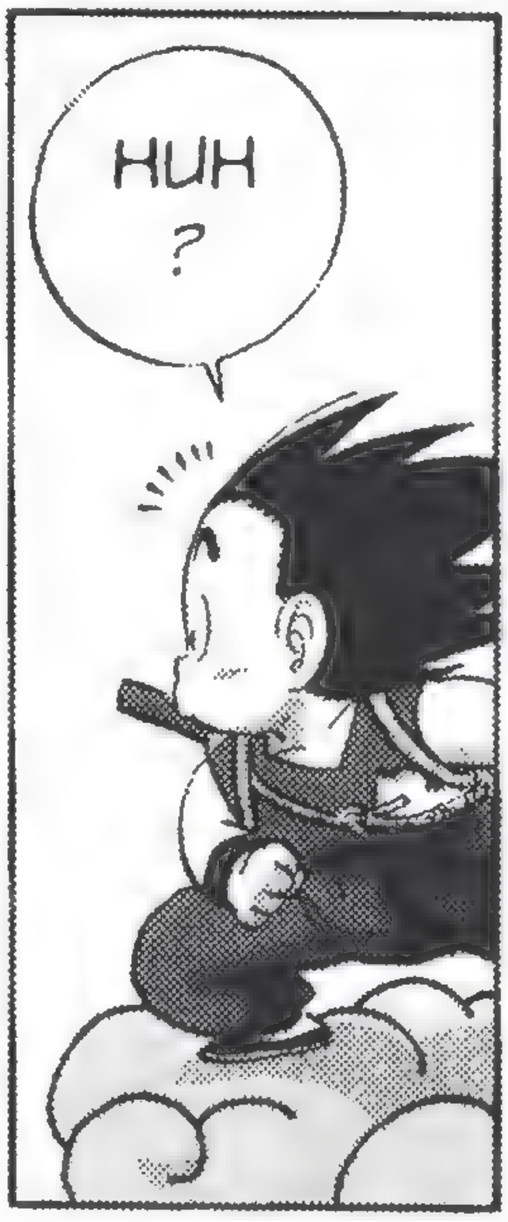
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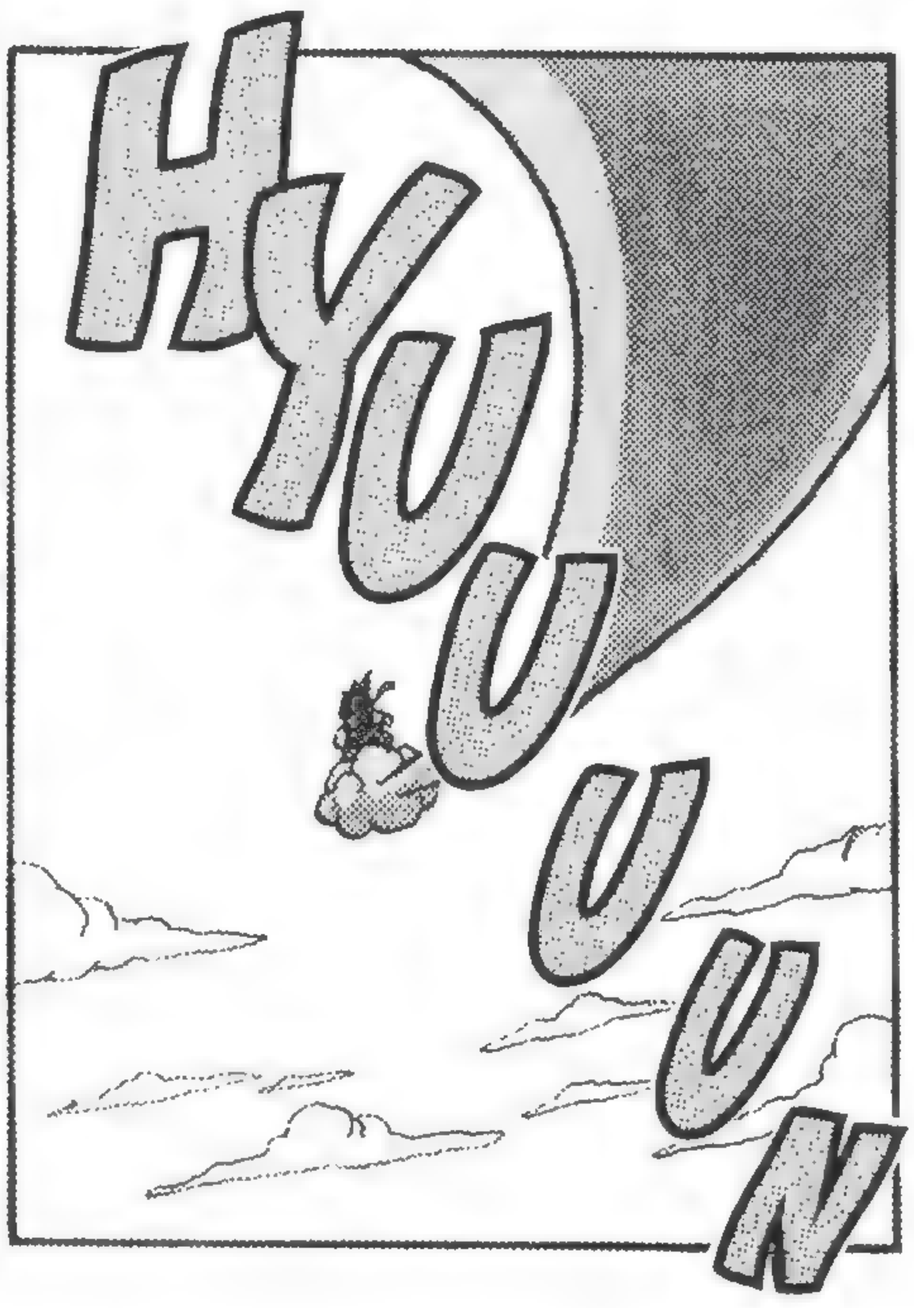

HYUUUN

WHAT A WEIRDO...

HYUUUUN

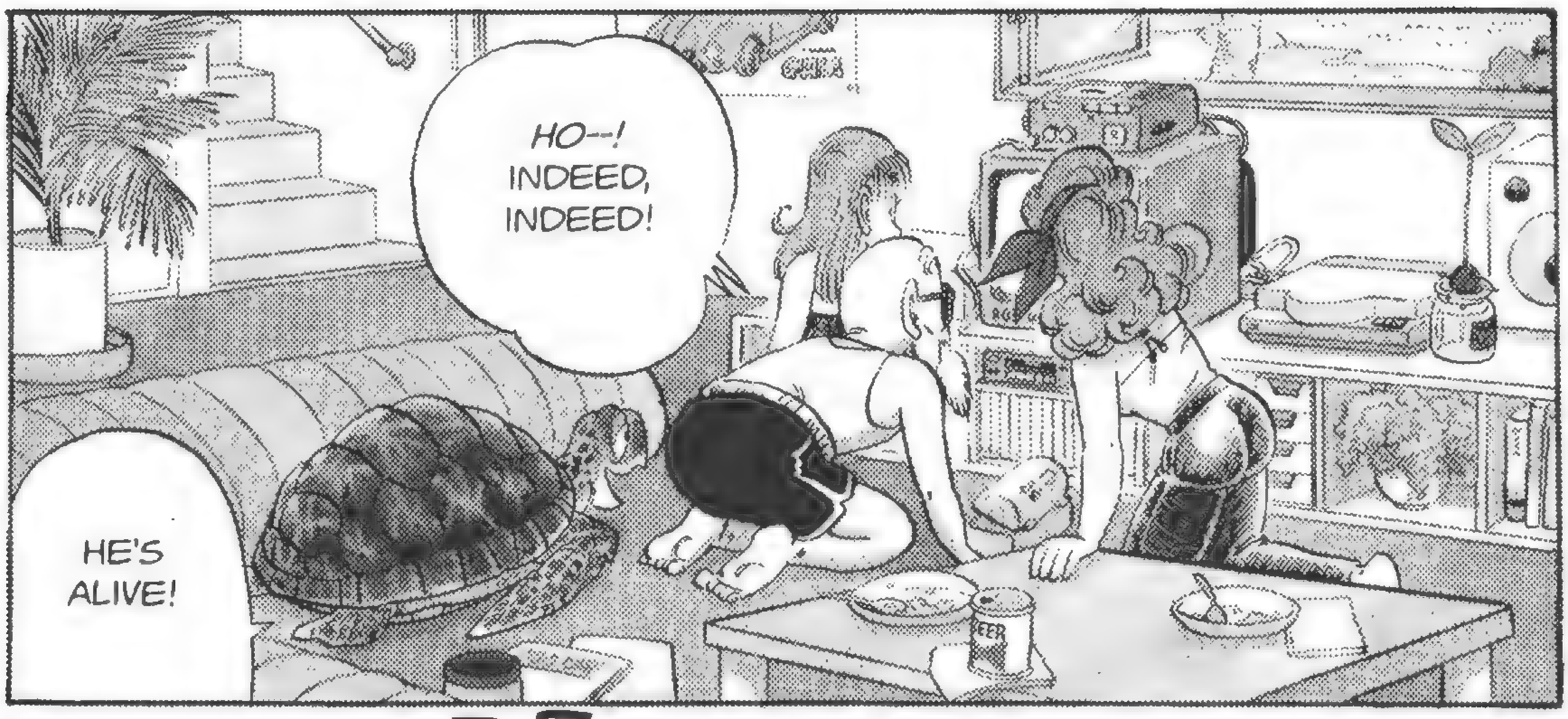
KAME HOUSE

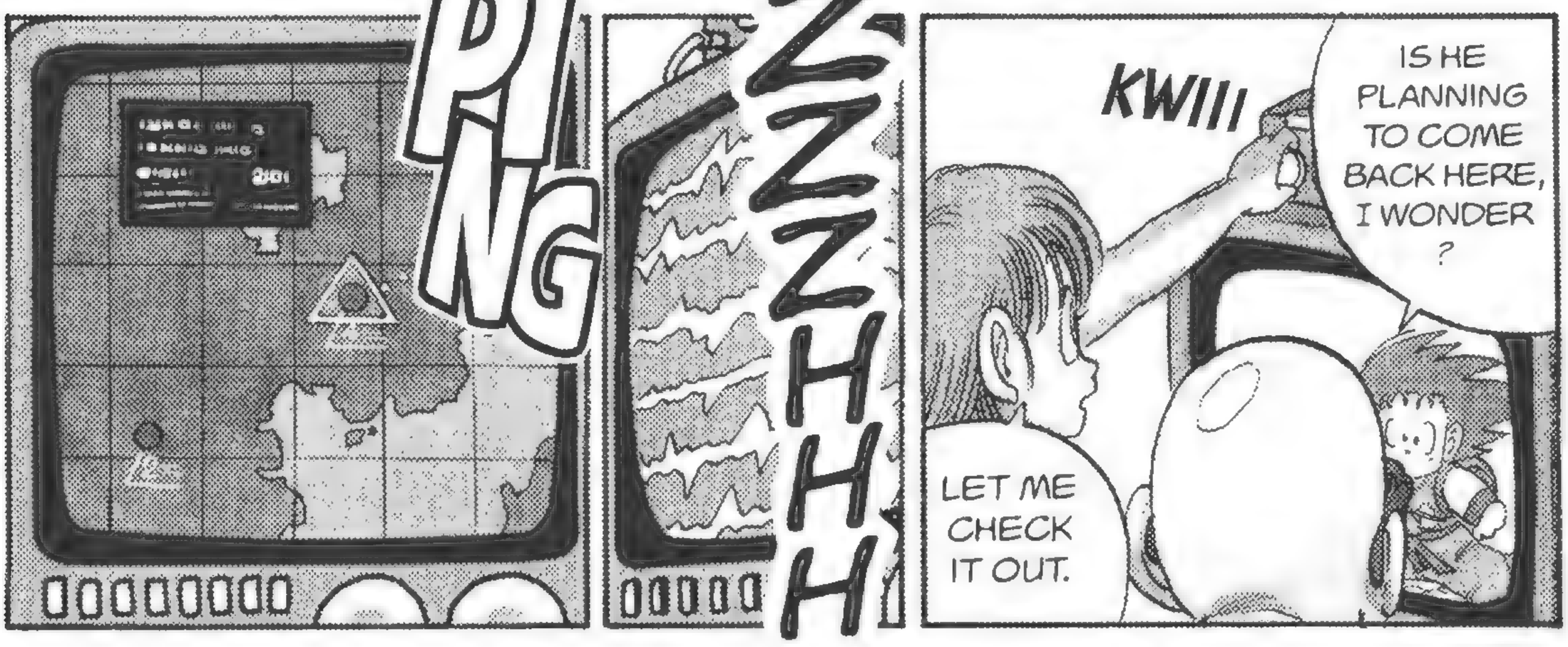
WHAT ?!!

THERE HE IS! IT'S GOKU !!

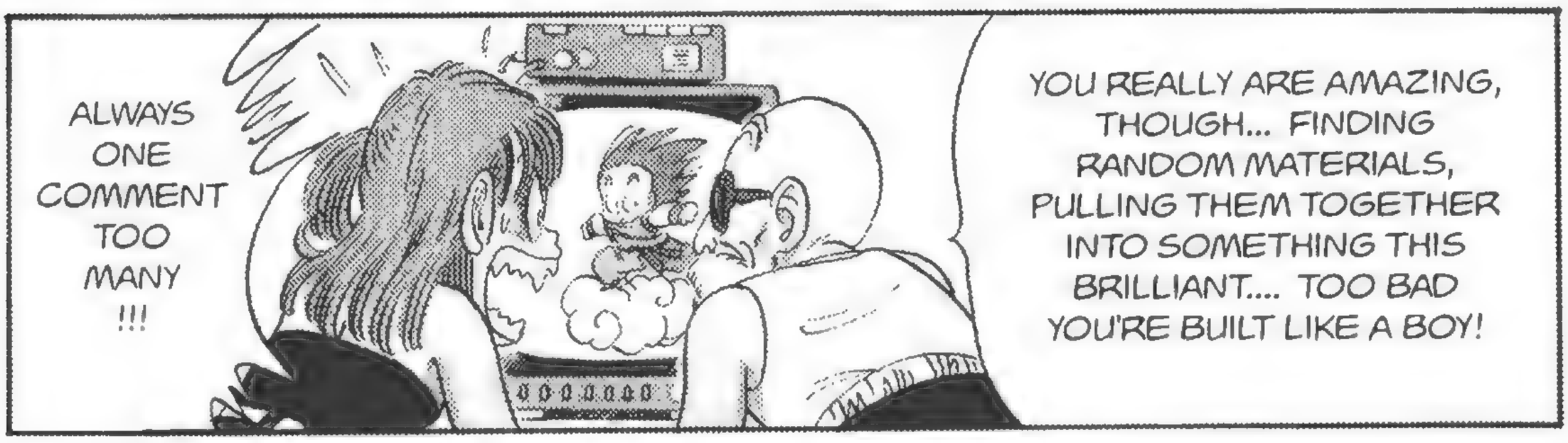
PII

PIPIII


HO--!
INDEED, INDEED!
HE'S ALIVE!


PING
ZNNNHHH
KWIII
IS HE PLANNING TO COME BACK HERE, I WONDER ?
LET ME CHECK IT OUT.

THAT LOCA-TION...
YOU'D THINK HE COULD AT LEAST STOP AND SAY HI !
LOOKS LIKE HE'S HEADING TOWARDS WHERE THESE TWO DRAGON BALLS ARE!
NOPE...


ALWAYS ONE COMMENT TOO MANY !!!
YOU REALLY ARE AMAZING, THOUGH... FINDING RANDOM MATERIALS, PULLING THEM TOGETHER INTO SOMETHING THIS BRILLIANT.... TOO BAD YOU'RE BUILT LIKE A BOY!

I'LL CHECK IT OUT !!

NO WAY... NOT EVEN GOKU....

...IS HE HEADING FOR RED RIBBON ARMY HEAD-QUARTERS ?

AM I WRONG OR....

WHAT ?!

BP BP BP

I'LL SEND THE RECON MECH TO WHERE THE TWO BALLS ARE!

CHECK IT OUT... HOW ?

KCH CHK CHK CHK CHK CHK

HEY, WHAT'S UP WITH YOU, DUDE? WHY ARE YOU FOLLOWING ME?

BABYOOM

HE'S EVEN FASTER THAN KINTO'UN...!

CHEEZ...

LET ME SWITCH TO VISUALS.

WE SHOULD BE APPROACHING THE RIGHT AREA ABOUT NOW.

D-DON'T TELL ME HE'S P-PLANNING TO INVADE *THAT...?!*

IT'S THEIR CENTRAL COMMAND...

...ULP... YOU WERE RIGHT...

DOOOM

BSHOOOO

WE HAVE JUST ENGAGED A UFO.

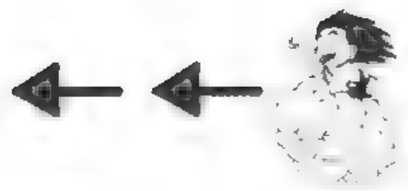
THIS IS UNIT 84, THIS IS UNIT 84--

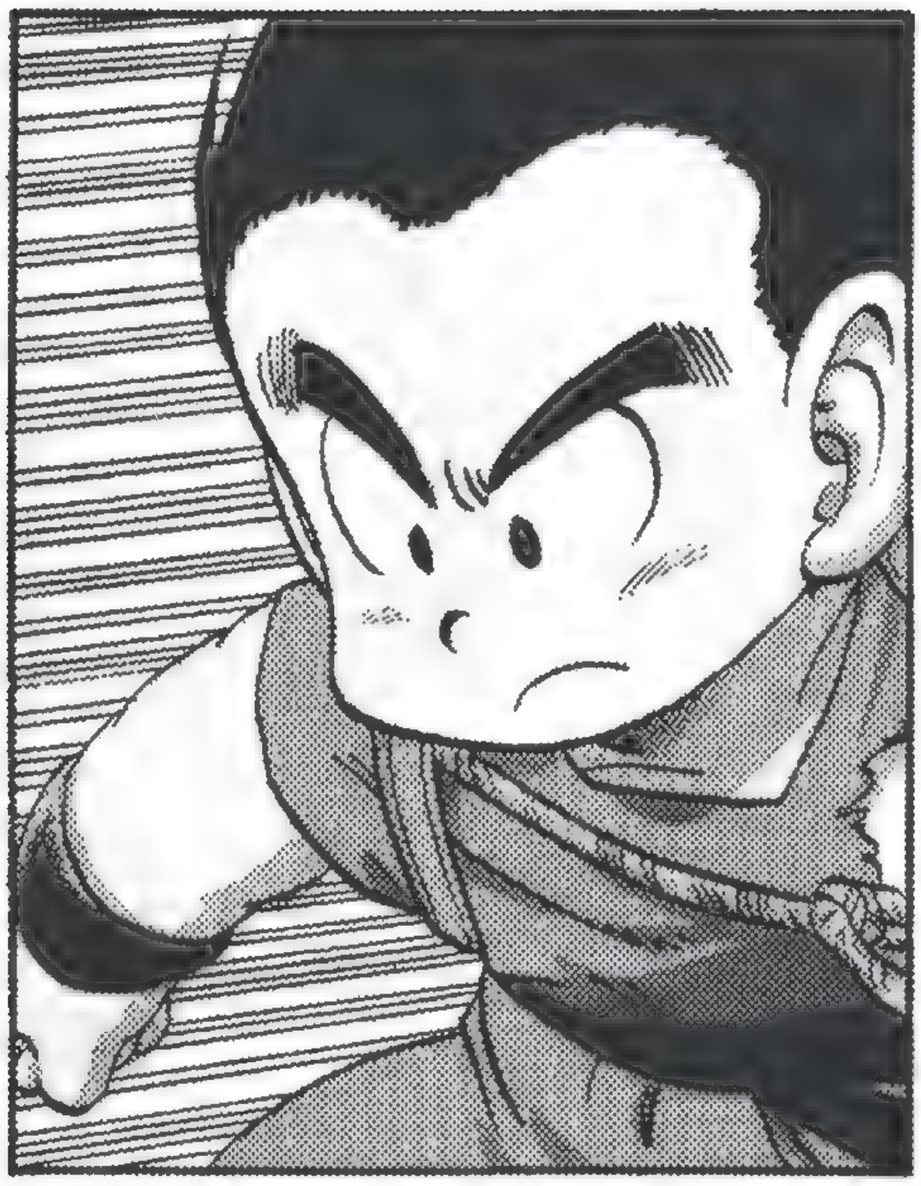
AWP!! WE'VE BEEN HIT !!

ZZZHHH

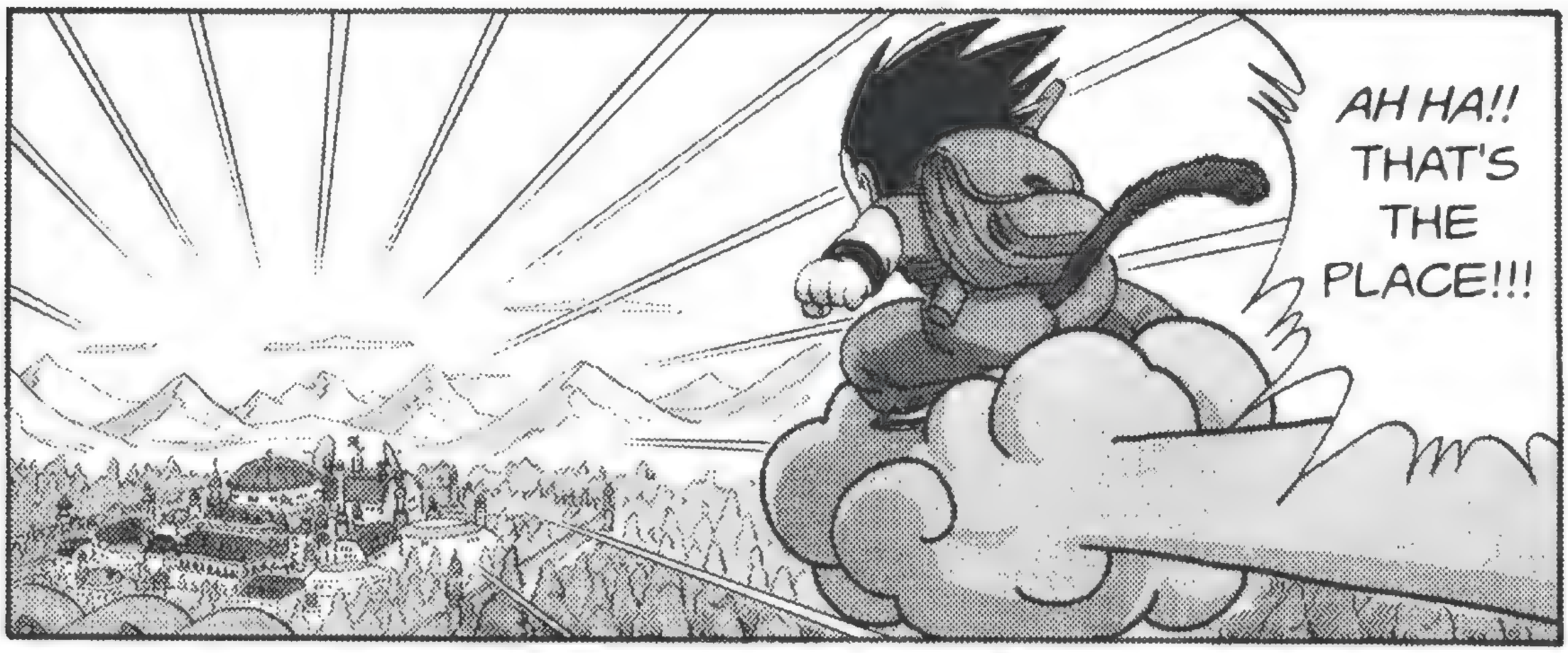
DON'T WORRY, DON'T WORRY. IT WAS JUST A MINIATURE RECON UNIT OR SOME SUCH.

NO!! IT'S TAOPAIPAI!! HE'S COMING OUR WAY !!





AT LAST, TAOPAIPAI HAS ARRIVED WITH HIS TROPHIES!
THE FOUR DRAGON BALLS HAVE ARRIVED !


AH HA!! THAT'S THE PLACE!!!

LET'S HAVE SOME FUN !!!!
O--- KAY-- !!

GYUUUN

ALL RIGHT, HERE'S TAOPAIPAI....

IT'S NOT TAOPAI-PAI--!!!!

N-NO!!!!

I SUPPOSE OUR ONLY CHOICE IS TO GO HELP HIM.

NO, NO.... JUST STUPID...

NOT EVEN GOKU'S STRONG ENOUGH TO HANDLE THE WHOLE RED RIBBON ARMY!! HE'LL BE SLAUGHTERED!!

WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO?!

OH, THAT'S RIGHT!

AND HOW, MAY I ASK, WILL YOU GET THERE?

WE DON'T HAVE ANY TRANSPORTATION LEFT HERE, DO WE...?

HE MUST BE INSANE...!

AND DO ***YOU*** SEE A PHONE HERE ?!!!

WHY DON'T YOU TELEPHONE HIM?

IF I COULD ONLY CONTACT YAMCHA... !!

SHEESH !!

YOU'RE SO SMART !!!

OH YEAH!! THAT'S RIGHT !!!

THEN SURELY SOMETHING AS SIMPLE AS A TELEPHONE SHOULDN'T BE.....?

BUT MA'AM, IF YOU COULD BUILD ***THAT***...

YES !!!

IT'S A THIN LINE BETWEEN IDIOCY AND GENIUS....

CLANG KACLANG BANG

BULMA! LONG TIME NO SPEAK! OH, THIS IS PERFECT, I JUST CAME UP WITH A HILARIOUS JOKE! LISTEN TO THIS....

WILL YOU JUST PUT YAMCHA ON ?!!!

FATHER!! IT'S ME, BULMA!! IS YAMCHA HOME ?!

HUL-LOA ?!

KCHAK CHAK-CHAK-CHAK

WH-WHAT?! GOKU'S TAKING ON THE *WHAT...* ?!

BUT IT'S SUCH A *GOOD* JOKE...

WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN? I THOUGHT YOU WENT TO SEARCH FOR DRAGON BALLS WITH GOKU.

I THINK I'LL JUST GO OVER HERE...

SNEAK SNEAK

THIS CAN'T BE GOOD IF HE'S SO EXCITED...

UH-HUH... YEAH....GOT IT!! I'LL LEAVE RIGHT AWAY!!

THE RED RIBBON ARMY... ?!!!

TH-...

PU'AR! OOLONG! WE'RE GOING TO GO HELP GOKU!! WE'RE RIDING INTO THE RED RIBBON ARMY!!!

THIS'LL BE QUITE A CHANGE FROM THIS CITY OF COWARDS....

WHAT AN INCREDIBLE OPPONENT...

PWIK

KA

M

BOO

PAP

YES, SIR !!

INITIATE LASER MONITOR !!

HE'S... HE'S BEEN TAKEN OUT...!! WHAT'S GOING ON?!!

UNIT 84, RESPOND !!...

WH-

WHAT...

?!!!

C-COMMANDER!!! THE POSSESSOR OF THE BALLS IS *NOT* TAOPAIPAI!!! IT'S THAT KID... SON GOKU!!!

OH !!!!

Tale 94 • Attack from the Sky!

CHAA-
AAAAA-
ARGE--
!!

ALL---
RIGHT
!!!!

WHAT IS THAT BRAT DOING HERE ?!!!!

IT CAN'T MEAN... BUT IT HAS TO MEAN.... HE DEFEATED THE TERRIBLE TAOPAIPAI....

RR

GYOOOO

...GRRR...!

HE'S ALREADY IN!! HE'S ON SECTOR 12'S TERRACE!!

DON'T LET HIM PENETRATE!! NOT A SINGLE STEP!!

B-KRAK

RAT-TAT-TAT-TAT!!

BLAM

DOP DOP

TWA

PIP

THAT WAY, I'LL BET!

VVV

THERE HE IS OVER THERE !!

DM DM DM

HYUUUN HYUUUN

PYONG

DM

PAPAPA

BABABABA

OH !!!

DOMPF

LEAP

HYUUN

KONG

GAH !!

HAI-YAA !!

BABABA

HA

ME

KA

ME...

BOOOM

WHOOPS
!!

HAA
!!!

FEH
!!!

BA-BA-BA

WHA--
?!

DOM

WAAH !!!

N-NO !!

PA PA

DOOOM

OVER HERE!! HE'S ON THE GROUND--!!

YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING!! *ME?!!* HIDE FROM ONE STUPID LITTLE BRAT?!!!

COMMANDER!! PLEASE EVACUATE TO THE UNDER-GROUND BUNKER, JUST IN CASE!!

SO HE ***DOES*** WANT THE DRAGON BALLS, JUST AS I SUSPECTED...

HE'S HEADING STRAIGHT FOR TOWER 8!!

DSN D

THE RED RIBBON ARMY IS AN IN-VINCIBLE FORCE !!!

A BRAT...WHO WAS ABLE TO DEFEAT TAOPAIPAI....

RAT-TAT-TAT

TA-TA-TA-TA

PANNG

46

PIU

THE DRAGON BALLS ARE IN THERE!!

TOONG

UGH !!!

WH... WHAT... THE HECK *IS* HE...

...!!

OWW!! NOW I'M MAD!!

HE'S GOING IN THE TOWER !!!

AND YOU HAVE THE GALL TO CALL YOURSELVES THE "WORLD'S MIGHTIEST EVIL ARMY"?!!

AND WE'VE LOST HALF OUR MEN!!

HE'S ALREADY INSIDE TOWER 8, SIR!!!

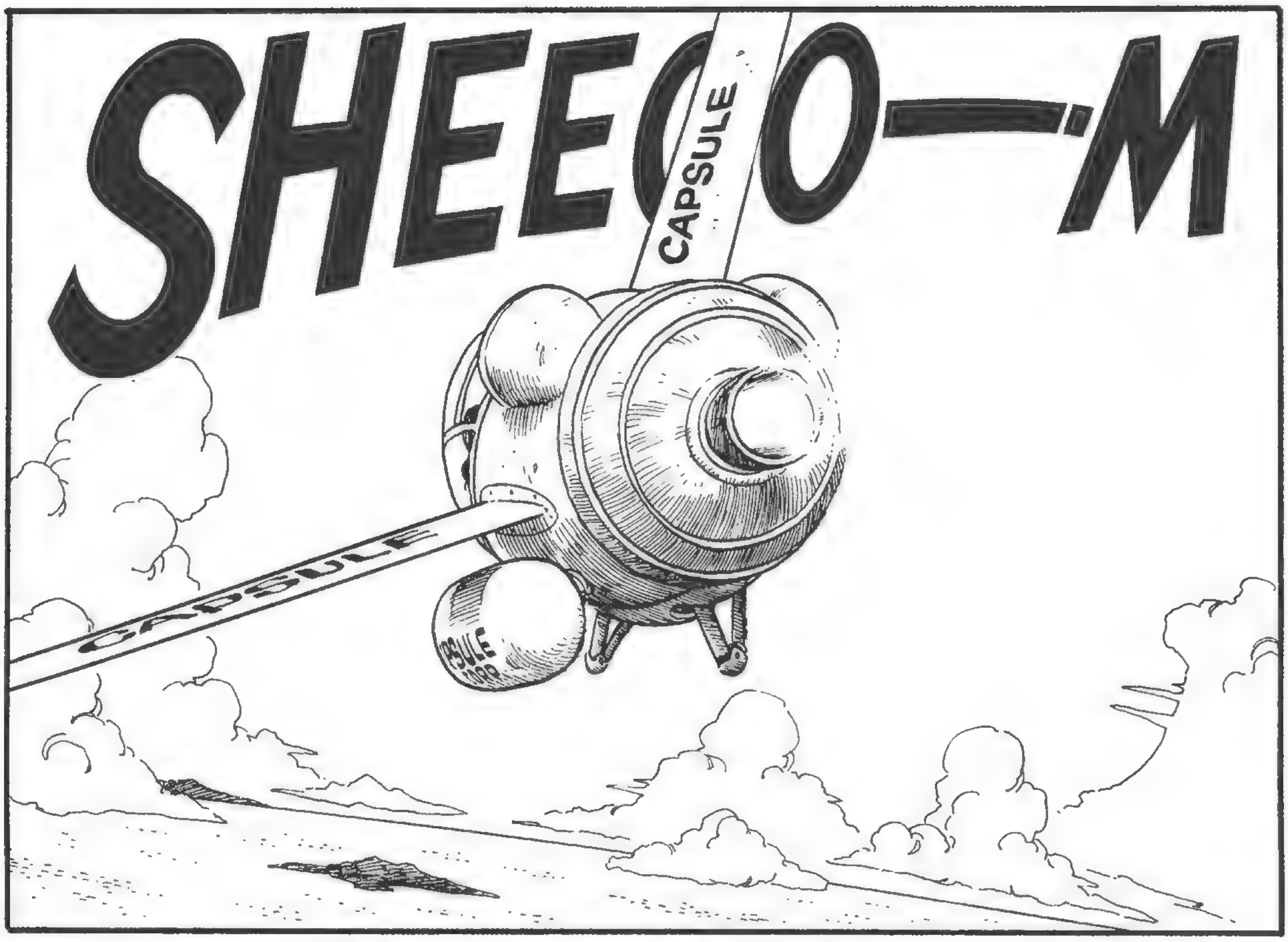
Y-YES, SIR !!

BLACK!! WE'RE GOING TO TOWER 8 OURSELVES !!

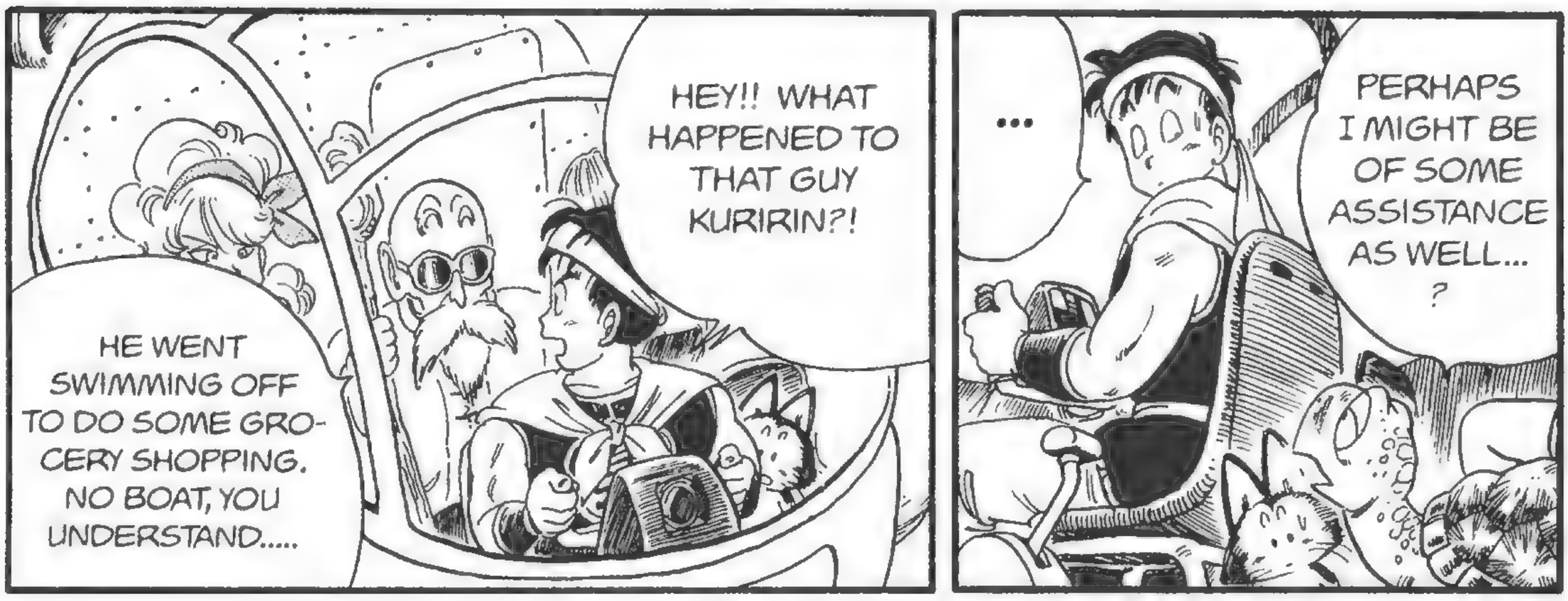
ON BOARD ***NOW*** !!

BOTH OF YOU!!

CAPSULE CORP.


SHEEO—M
CAPSULE
CAPSULE
CAPSULE

HASN'T GOKU SAVED EVERY ONE OF YOUR LIVES AT LEAST ONCE ?!!
WE'LL NEED EVERY BODY WE CAN GET!!
YEAH! I DON'T WANT TO DIE EITHER!
DON'T YOU THINK THIS IS A JOB FOR AN EXPER-IENCED FIGHTER ?!


HEY!! WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT GUY KURIRIN?!
HE WENT SWIMMING OFF TO DO SOME GRO-CERY SHOPPING. NO BOAT, YOU UNDERSTAND.....
...
PERHAPS I MIGHT BE OF SOME ASSISTANCE AS WELL... ?

HE SHOULD BE RIGHT AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE....

CAPSULE

CAPSULE CORP.

HE'S STRONG ENOUGH TO ACTUALLY DO US SOME GOOD!! WE'VE GOT TO GET HIM TOO!!

PANT PANT

BIP BEEP

AND WE ALREADY LOST MOST OF OUR TOP OPERATIVES EVEN ***BEFORE*** THIS... THANKS TO HIM....

THINGS DON'T LOOK VERY GOOD... THAT SON GOKU IS POWERFUL BEYOND BELIEF...

...THOSE DRAGON BALLS !!

NO ONE... WILL TOUCH...

HE'S *NOT.* OBVIOUSLY.

WHAT'S THAT IDIOT *THINKING* ?!!

THE HEAD-QUARTERS OF THE RED RIBBON ARMY?!

WH-WHAT ?!

ABOUT.... 40 MINUTES, LORD YAMCHA !!

PU'AR! HOW MUCH LONGER BEFORE WE ARRIVE ?!

THIS IS ONE TIME WE REALLY NEED YOU IN YOUR MEAN WARRIOR FORM.... ***PLEASE*** DON'T SNEEZE AT A CRUCIAL MOMENT....

HEH HEH HEH... MY TRIGGER FINGER'S ITCHING...

FURTHER UP, EH?

HY-AH-- !!

THERE AREN'T ANY STAIRS...

HUH ?

B-BOOM

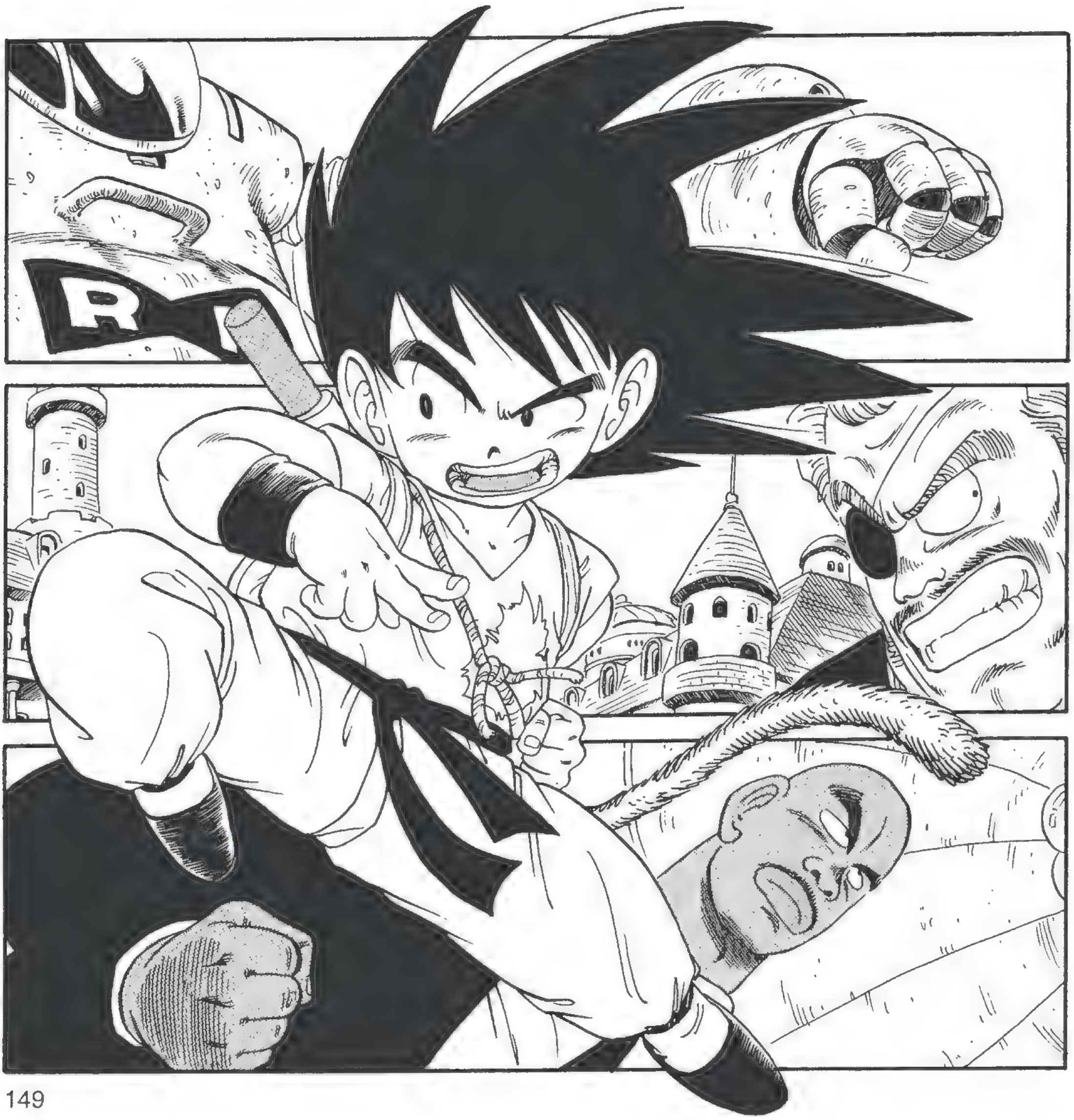
YAH !!

WHOA !!

I CAN'T STAND IT!! I WILL ***NOT*** LET THE RED RIBBON ARMY BE DEFEATED BY A BRAT WHO DOESN'T EVEN KNOW WHAT AN ELEVATOR IS!!

UGH... !!

Tale 95 • The Fall of Commander Red



TAH !!

BAK

PANG PANG

DOMM

TA TA TAT TAT

GOOM

KLAM

PA PA PA PA

DOMB

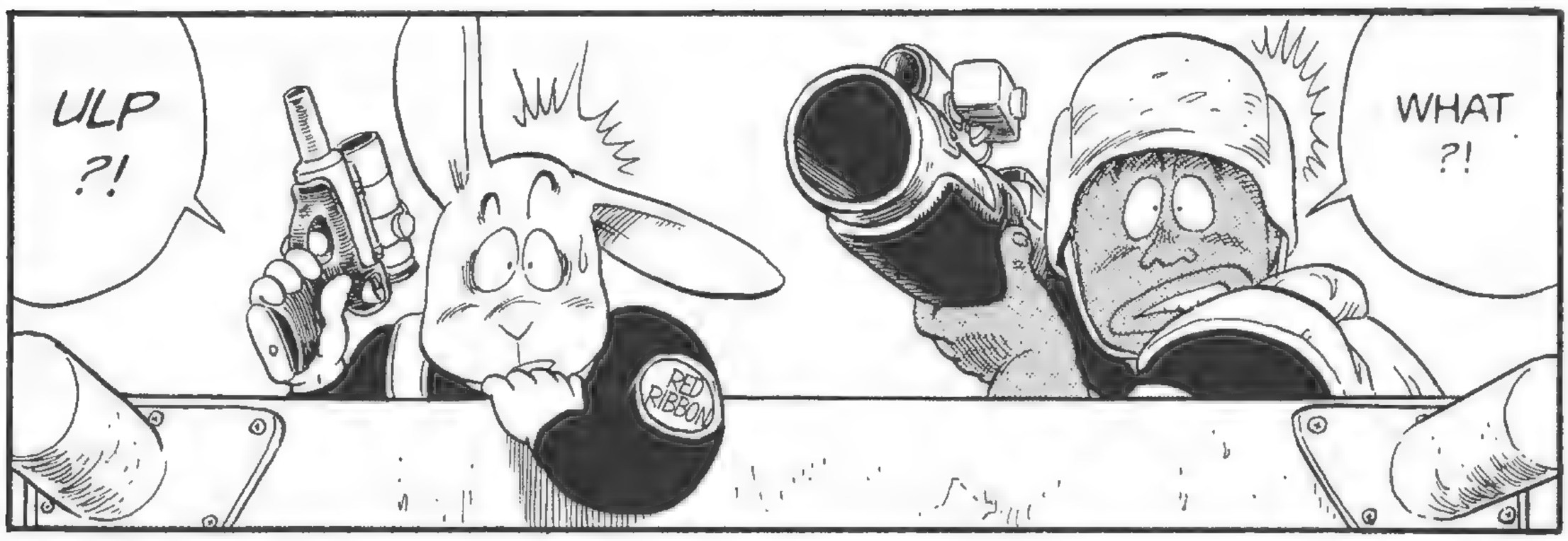
BOOOMB!!!

?!

YOU CREEPS--!

NYAH, NYAH, SERVES YOU RIGHT!!!

YES!!!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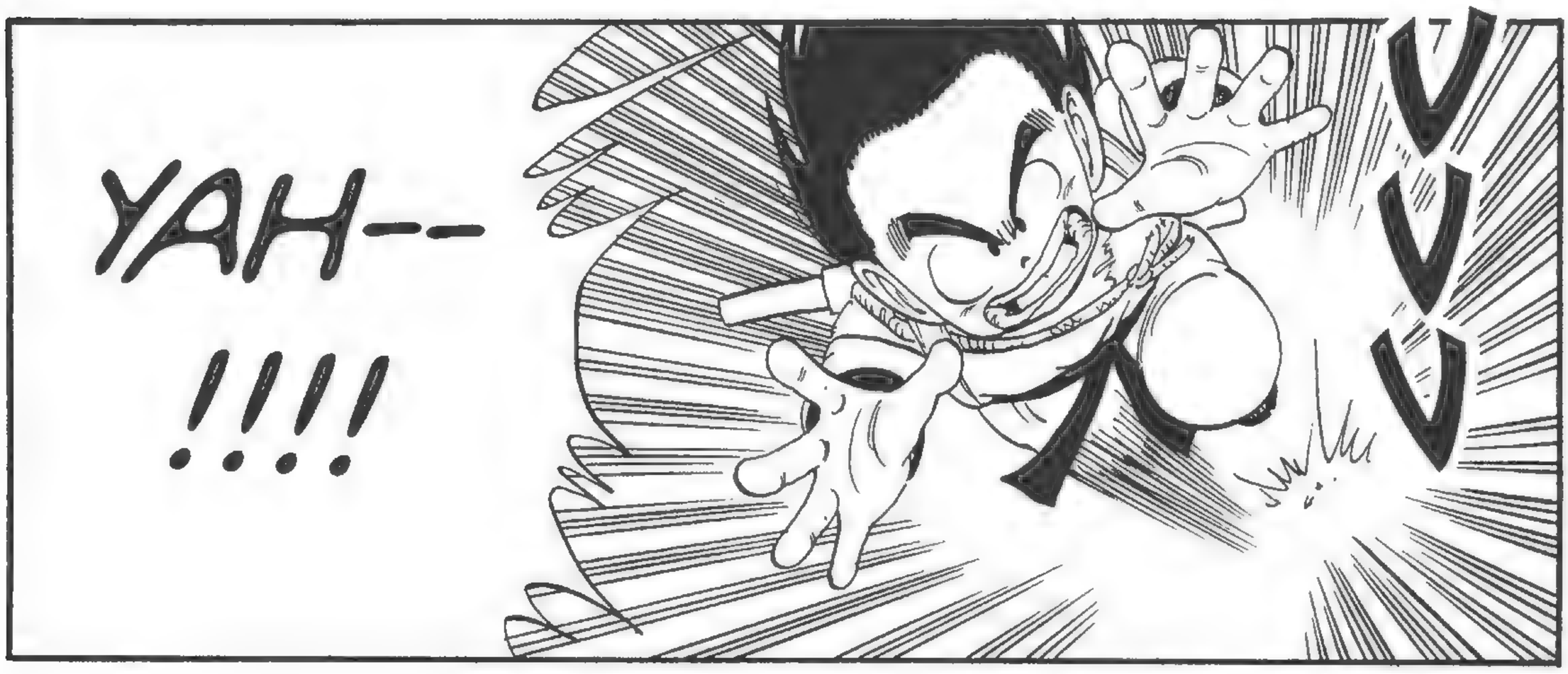
YAH--
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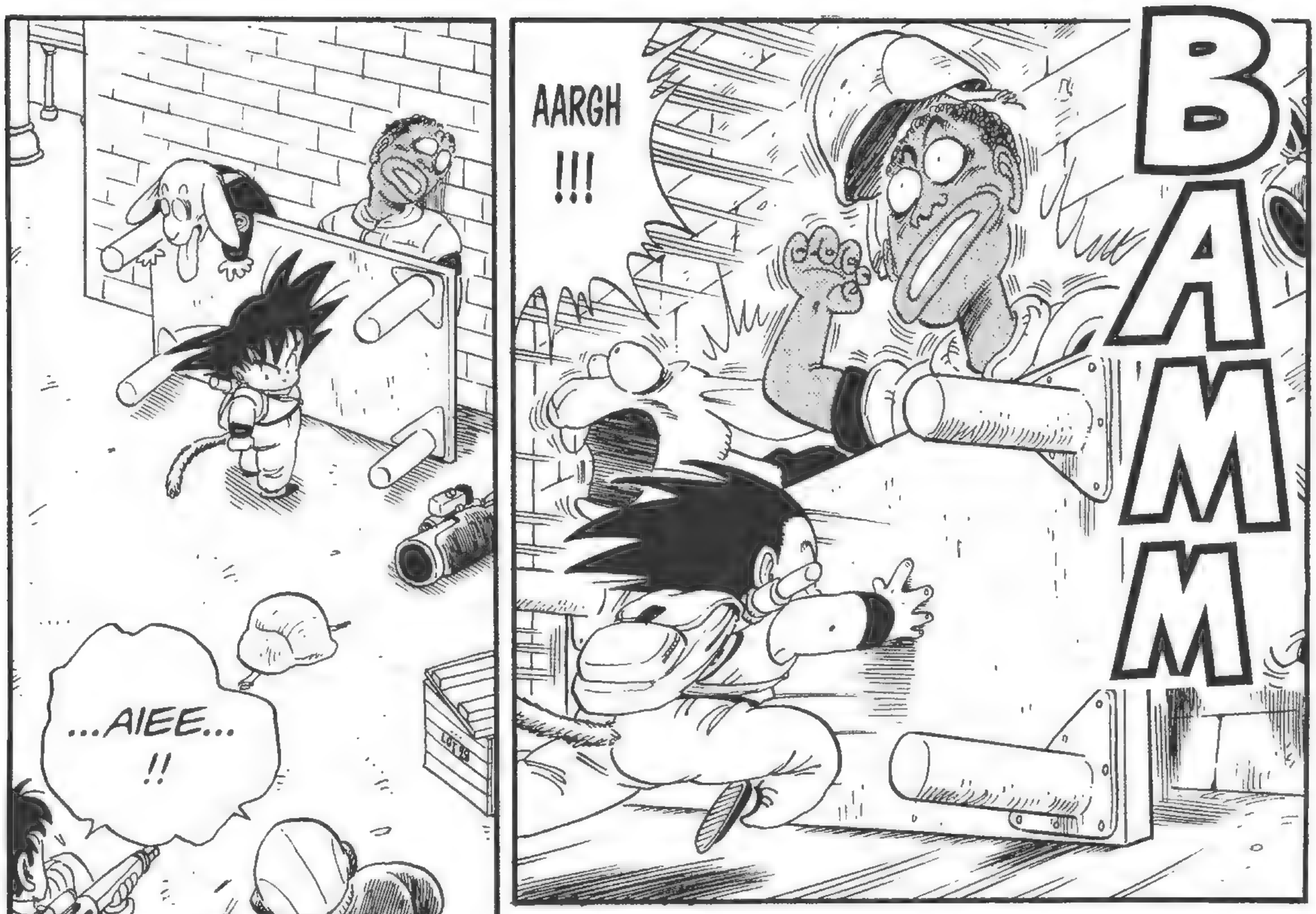
AARGH
!!!
BAM
...AIEE...
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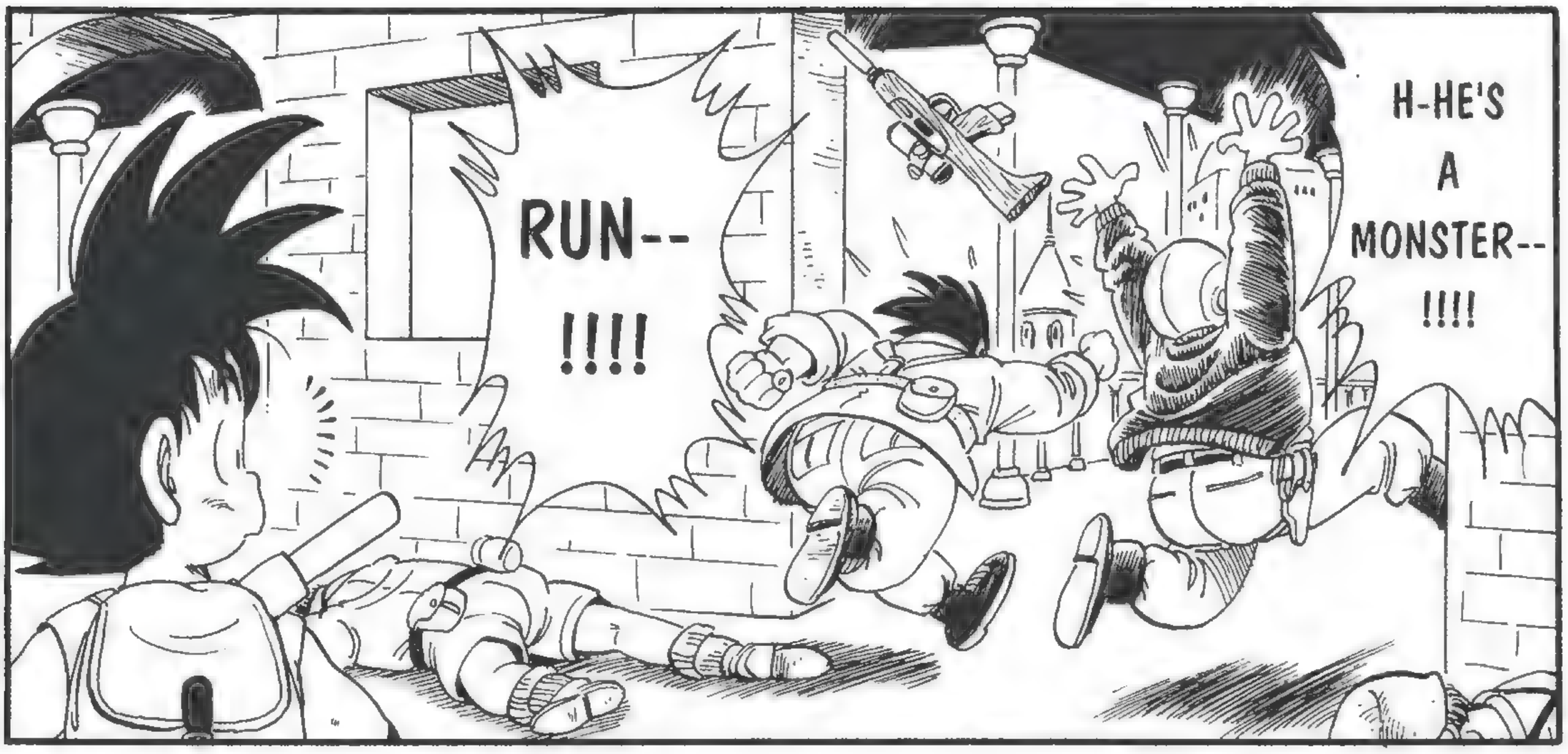
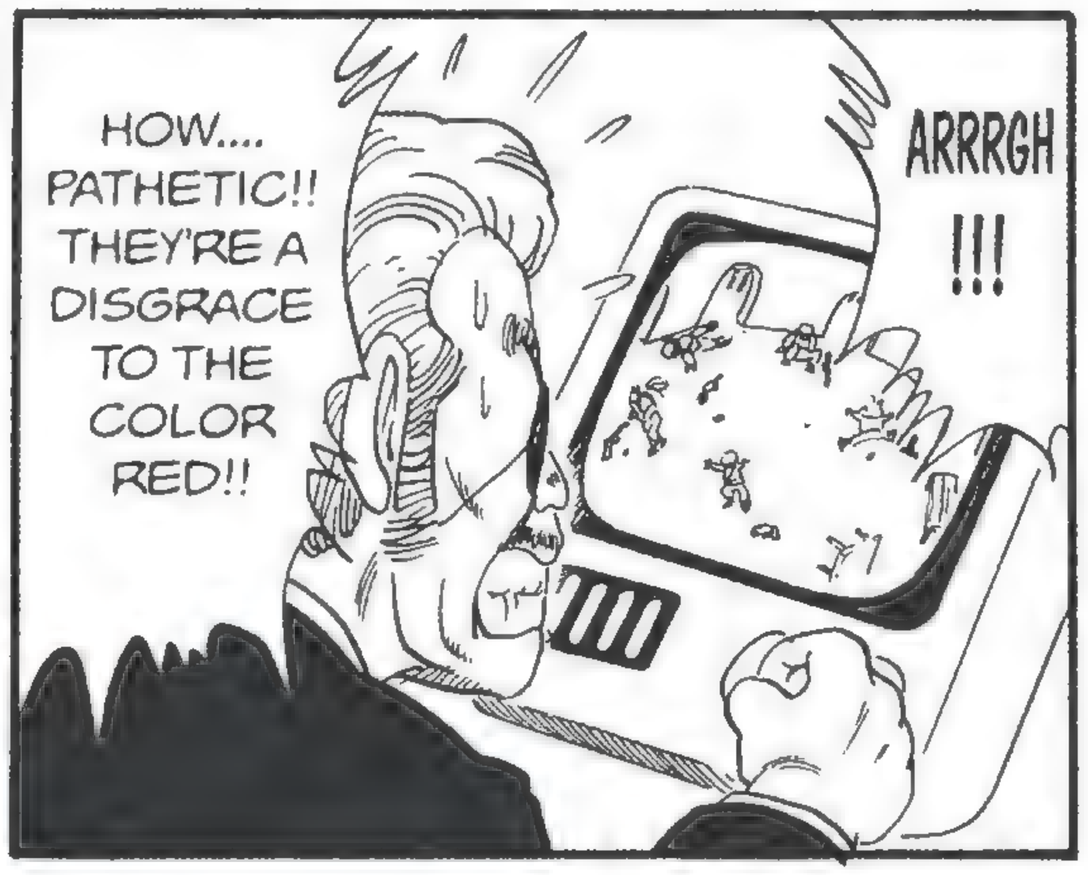
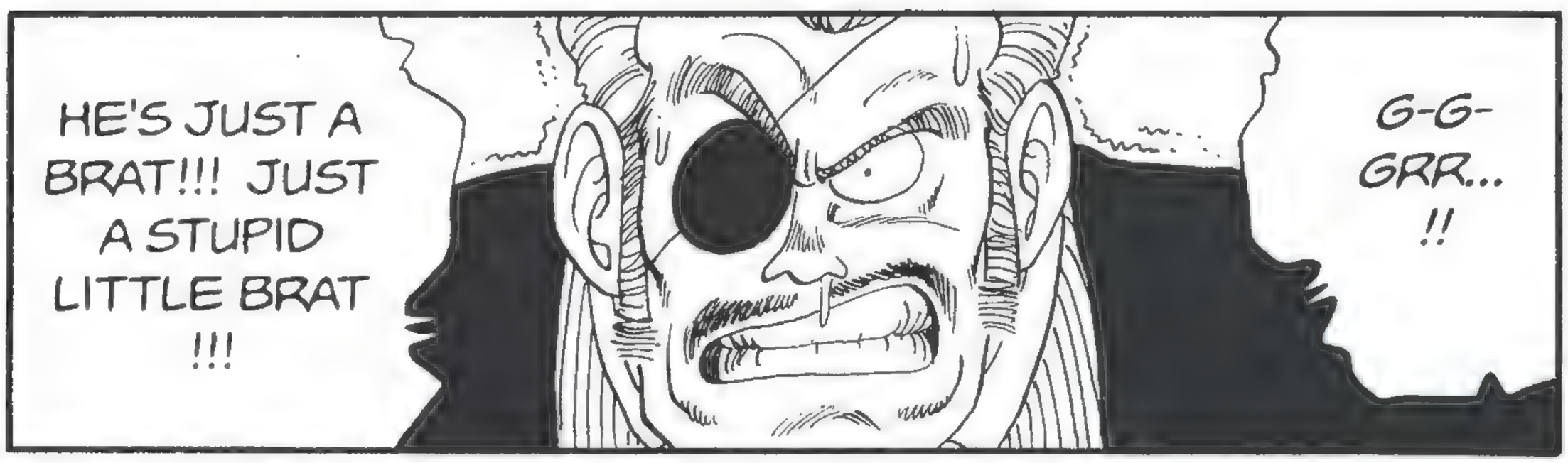
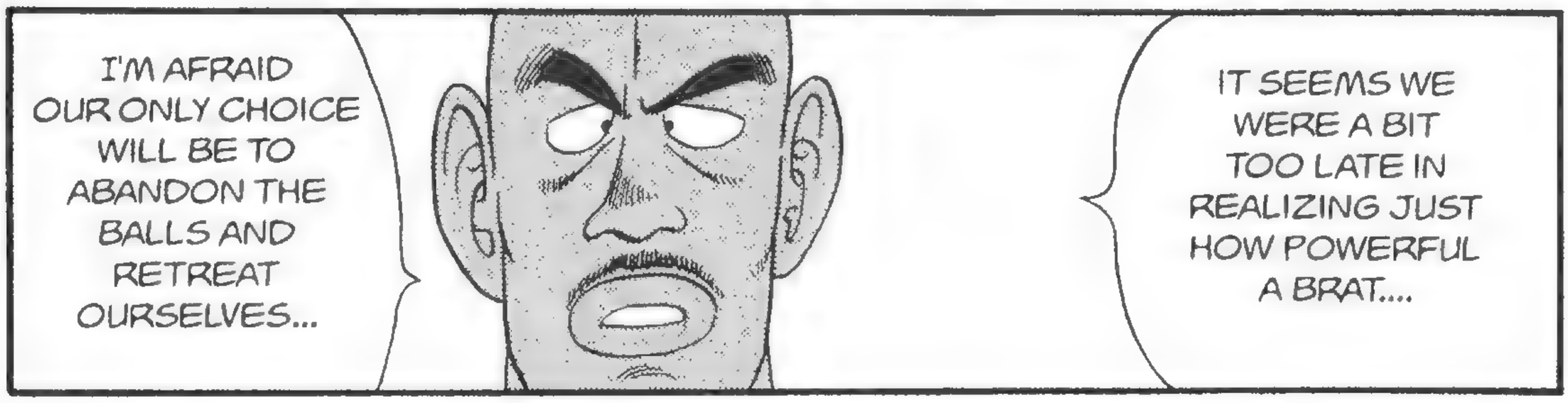

RUN--
!!!!
H-HE'S
A
MONSTER--
!!!!

THE
REMAINING
TROOPS
SEEM
TO HAVE
BEGUN A
RETREAT....


HOW....
PATHETIC!!
THEY'RE A
DISGRACE
TO THE
COLOR
RED!!
ARRRGH
!!!


HE'S JUST A
BRAT!!! JUST
A STUPID
LITTLE BRAT
!!!
G-G-
GRR...
!!


I'M AFRAID
OUR ONLY CHOICE
WILL BE TO
ABANDON THE
BALLS AND
RETREAT
OURSELVES...
IT SEEMS WE
WERE A BIT
TOO LATE IN
REALIZING JUST
HOW POWERFUL
A BRAT....

BUT IF THE CHOICE IS THEM... OR YOUR LIFE....?

...

NOW I *REALLY* DON'T WANT TO GIVE UP THOSE BALLS !!

DOMP

GIVE ME A BREAK !!

I WAS SO CLOSE... JUST A LITTLE BIT LONGER.... AND I WOULD HAVE BEEN *TALL*!!

RRRN RRRN

C-CURSE IT...!!

YOU DON'T MEAN...THAT WE WERE GATHERING THE DRAGON BALLS JUST TO MAKE YOU BIGGER...?

DID YOU SAY... "TALL," SIR?

YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT?!!

YES !!

BUT A CONQUEROR HAS TO BE CHARISMATIC... DOMINATING... IMPRESSIVE...

I MEAN, WHAT CHICK LOOKS TWICE AT A MIDGET?

WE'LL GET TO THAT, WE'LL GET TO THAT !!

I THOUGHT WE WERE AFTER WORLD DOMINATION !!!

WHAT ·?!

YOU SEE?!! YOU TALL PEOPLE HAVE NO IDEA HOW WE FEEL!!!

...THAT WE SUFFERED ?!

...IT WAS FOR SOMETHING AS PETTY AS THAT...

TO ADVANCE THE RED RIBBON ARMY'S MISSION OF WORLD CONQUEST!

I HAVE SLAVED AND RISKED MY LIFE FOR ONE REASON ONLY--

I'VE BEEN TAUNTED AND RIDICULED... "HEY, HEY, IT'S THAT SHRIMP, RED!"

EVER SINCE I WAS A KID...

I'M THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF AND I GET TO SAY WHAT WE DO!!!

SHUT UP !!!

I'VE EVEN BEEN TOLD "YOU HAVE SUCH A MATURE FACE FOR A LITTLE BOY..."

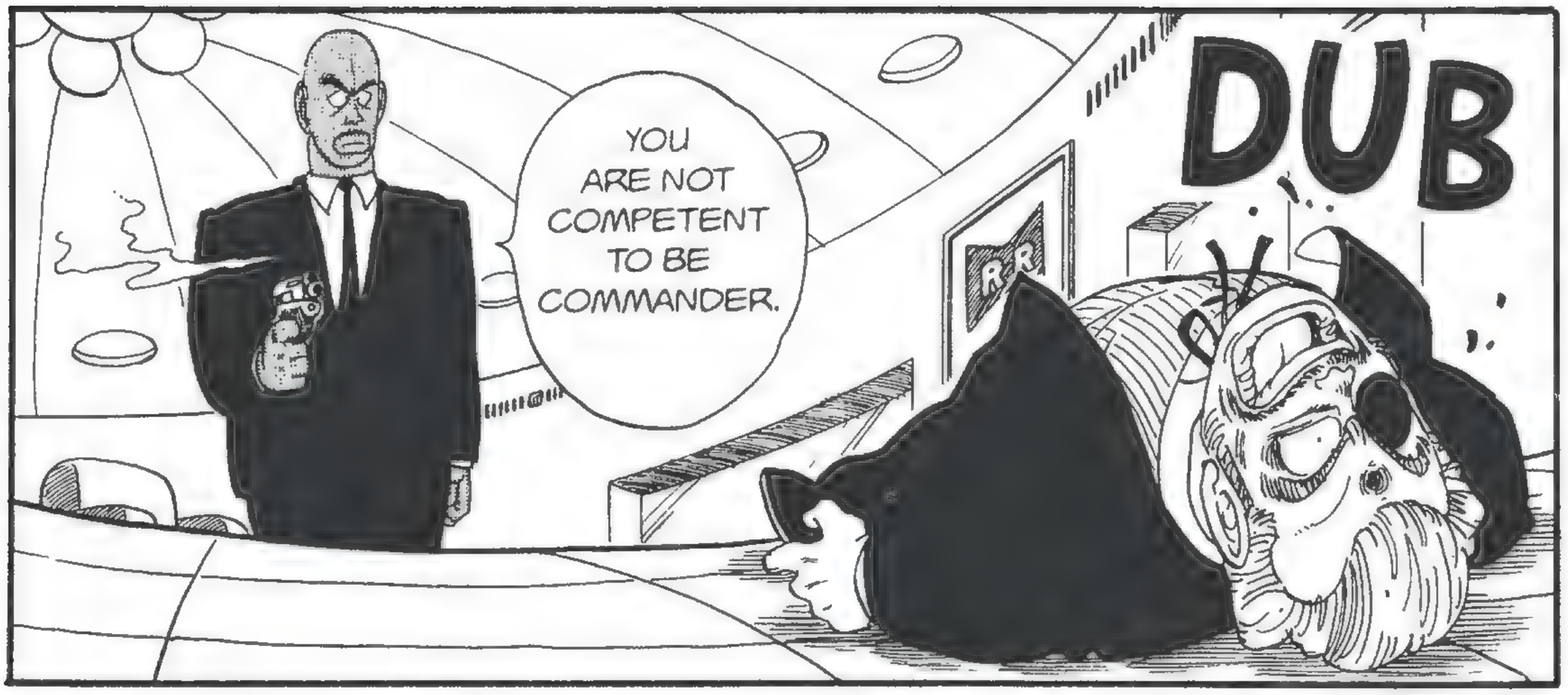
HOW DARE YOU SPEAK TO YOUR COMMANDER LIKE THAT ?!!!

DO YOU REALIZE HOW MANY SOLDERS SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES...SO ***YOU*** WOULDN'T HAVE TO BE ***SHORT*** ?!!

PEOPLE SHOULD LEARN TO KEEP THEIR MOUTHS SHUT AND FOLLOW THEIR COMMANDER'S ORDERS!!

ANYWAY, THEY WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN KILLED IF THEY'D BEEN TRAINED BETTER!!!

BANG


YOU ARE NOT COMPETENT TO BE COMMANDER.
DUB
R.R.

KRASSH

THE RED RIBBON ARMY WILL REBUILD UNDER NEW COMMAND.
AND COMMANDER BLACK SHALL FULFILL ITS DESTINY.

THEY GOTTA BE RIGHT AROUND HERE.....

ARE YOU THE BOSS?

SO. YOU'VE FINALLY COME.

I'M GONNA TAKE THOSE DRAGON BALLS OVER THERE.

SINCE JUST A MINUTE AGO.

I AM.

AND TOGETHER WE WILL RULE THE WORLD.

WHY DON'T YOU AND I GATHER THE DRAGON BALLS TOGETHER?

FIRST, CONSIDER THIS, SON GOKU.

ALL THE POWER OF THE EARTH WILL BE YOURS AND MINE !!

THAT'S RIGHT !

RULE THE WORLD ?

...

NO WAY! I'M GONNA REVIVE UPA'S DAD WHO GOT KILLED BY ONE OF YOUR GUYS!

WHEN WE'VE GATHERED ALL THE DRAGON BALLS, WE CAN BRING BACK TO LIFE THIS FELLOW'S FATHER. THEN YOU WILL JOIN ME IN CONQUERING THE WORLD WITHOUT THE BALLS! TOGETHER WE WILL BE INVINCIBLE!

ALL RIGHT, THEN... WHAT ABOUT THIS?

I DON'T EVEN WANT TO BE ***FRIENDS*** WITH BAD GUYS!!

I TOLD YOU I DON'T WANT TO!!

THEN THERE'S NO CHOICE LEFT BUT TO BATTLE.

...I SEE...

HEH HEH HEH... YOU ARE FULL OF CONFIDENCE... BUT IT WON'T GO AS EASILY AS BEFORE....

YOU GOT IT!

HAH !!!

YO !

TSWAH !!!

VOOON

TAP

TEII !!!!

FSSHH

DOOB

...GUH... !!!

NNNGH...
!!

GO TO THAT POLICE PLACE !!

JUST GIVE UP!!

HE'S STRONGER... THAN I THOUGHT... !!

POW

FSS

HUH ?!

KCH

TWA

GLOW

SKK
RR

OH
!!

OWWW...
!!

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IS THERE ANY CHANCE HE'S STILL ALIVE...?

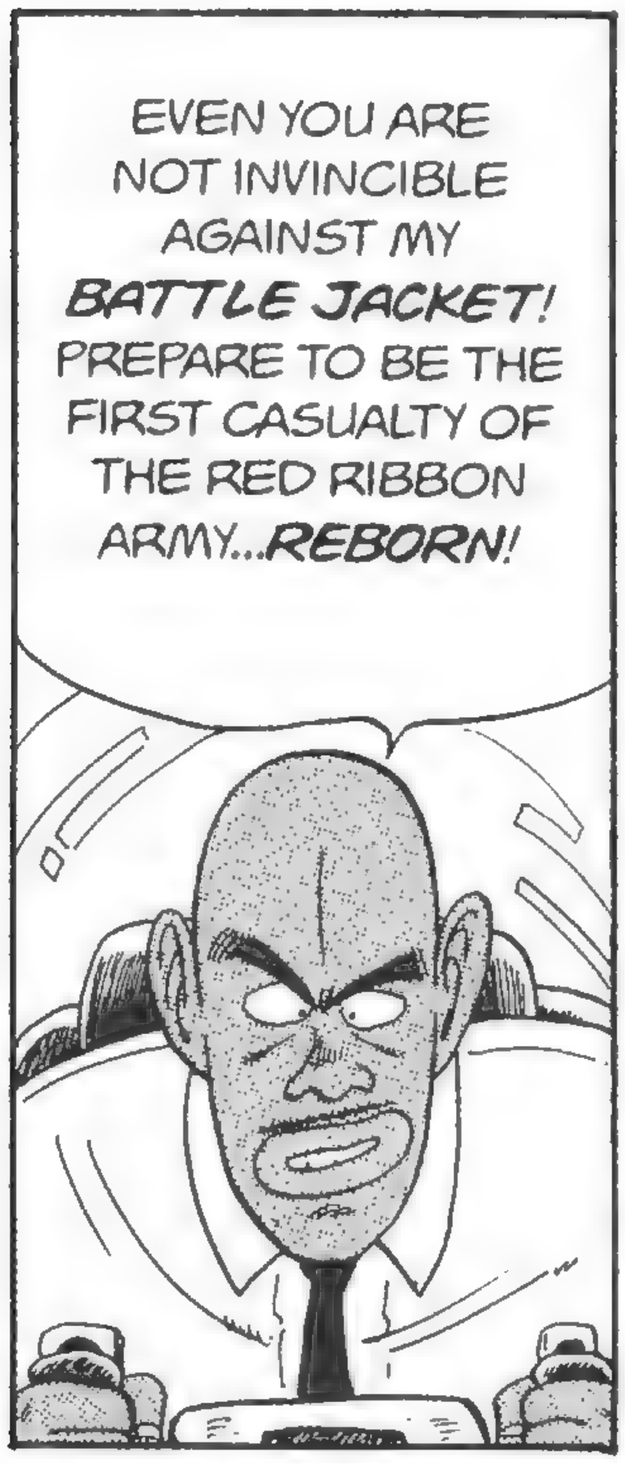
WE'RE ALMOST THERE!!

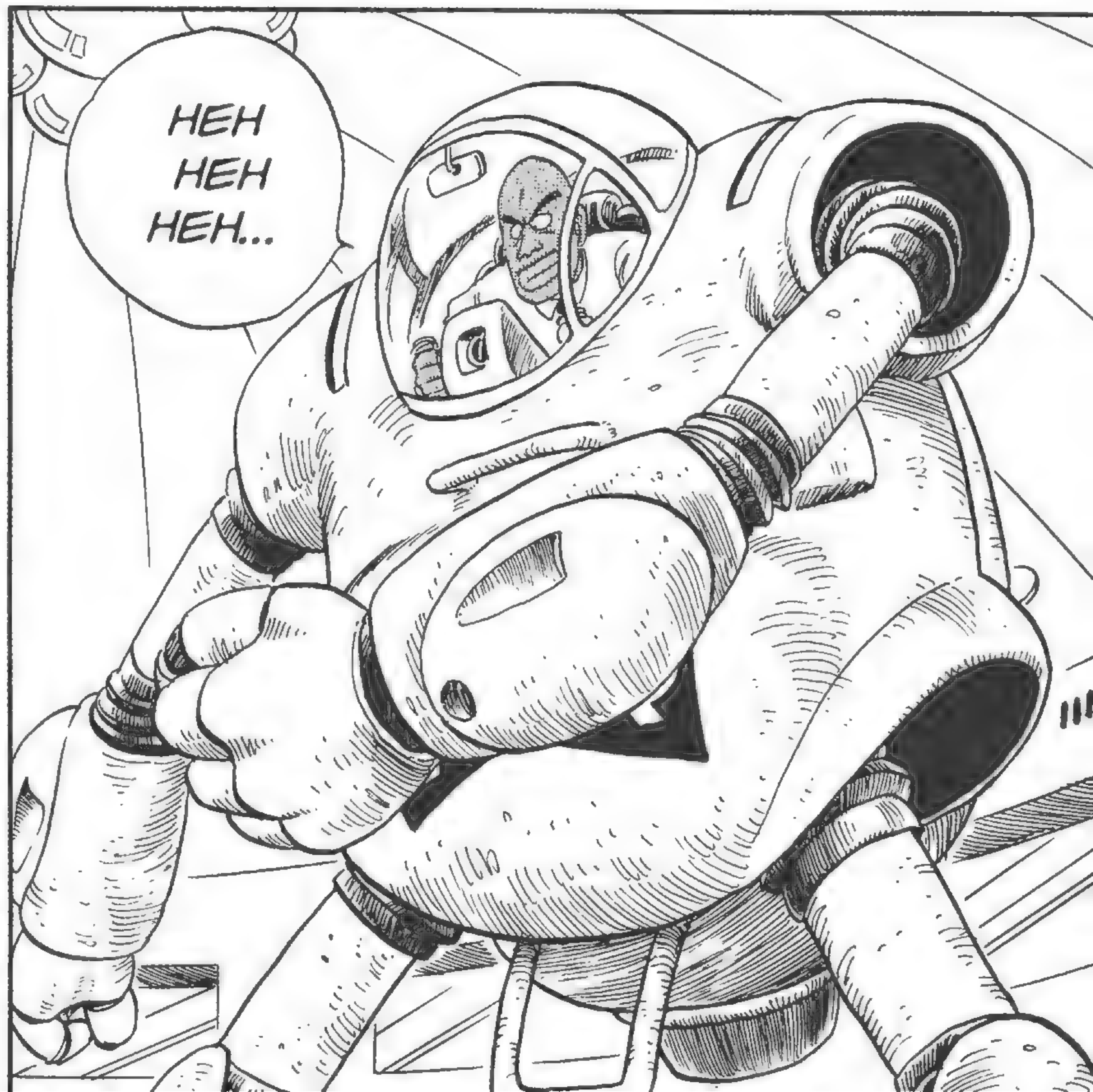
HYUUUUN

CAPSULE CO

NEXT: Victory or Defeat??

Tale 96 • The Triumph!





ZAP

SAYO-
NARA
!!

R

BOOF

WAAH
!!!

GRAB

UNGH
!!!

YOUR TRUE COWARDICE IS EXPOSED!

GO--!!!

YEOWW!! LET-- ME---

EEK !!!

FOOON

RE RIBB

DON'T WORRY, LITTLE BOY-- IT'LL ALL BE OVER IN A SECOND!!!

DWOK

WAAGH !!

NNNH...

...HENH...

DOOM!

ZAP

ZAP

ZAP

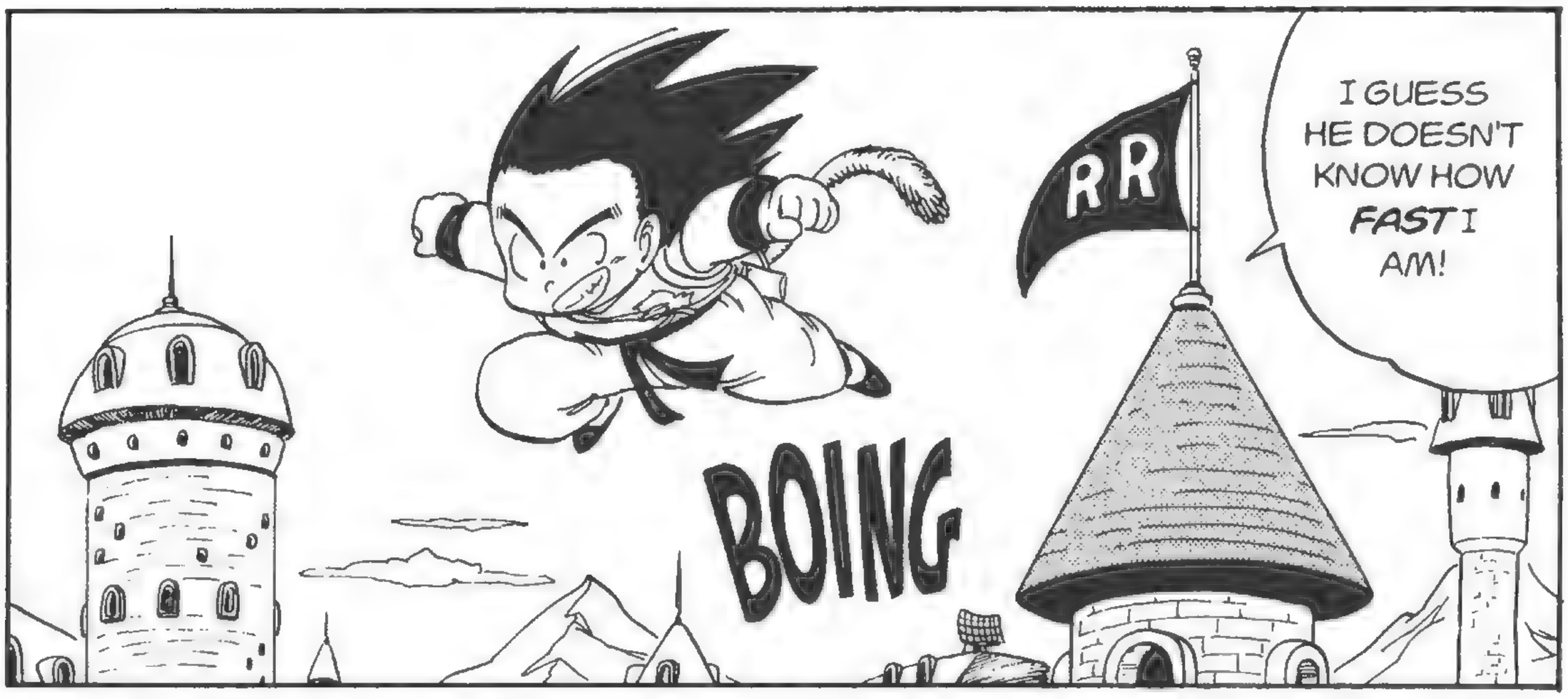
RED RIBBON

BOOM

FWA-HAHA-HAHAHA!! THE BRAT HAS BEEN ERASED OFF THE FACE OF THE EARTH!!

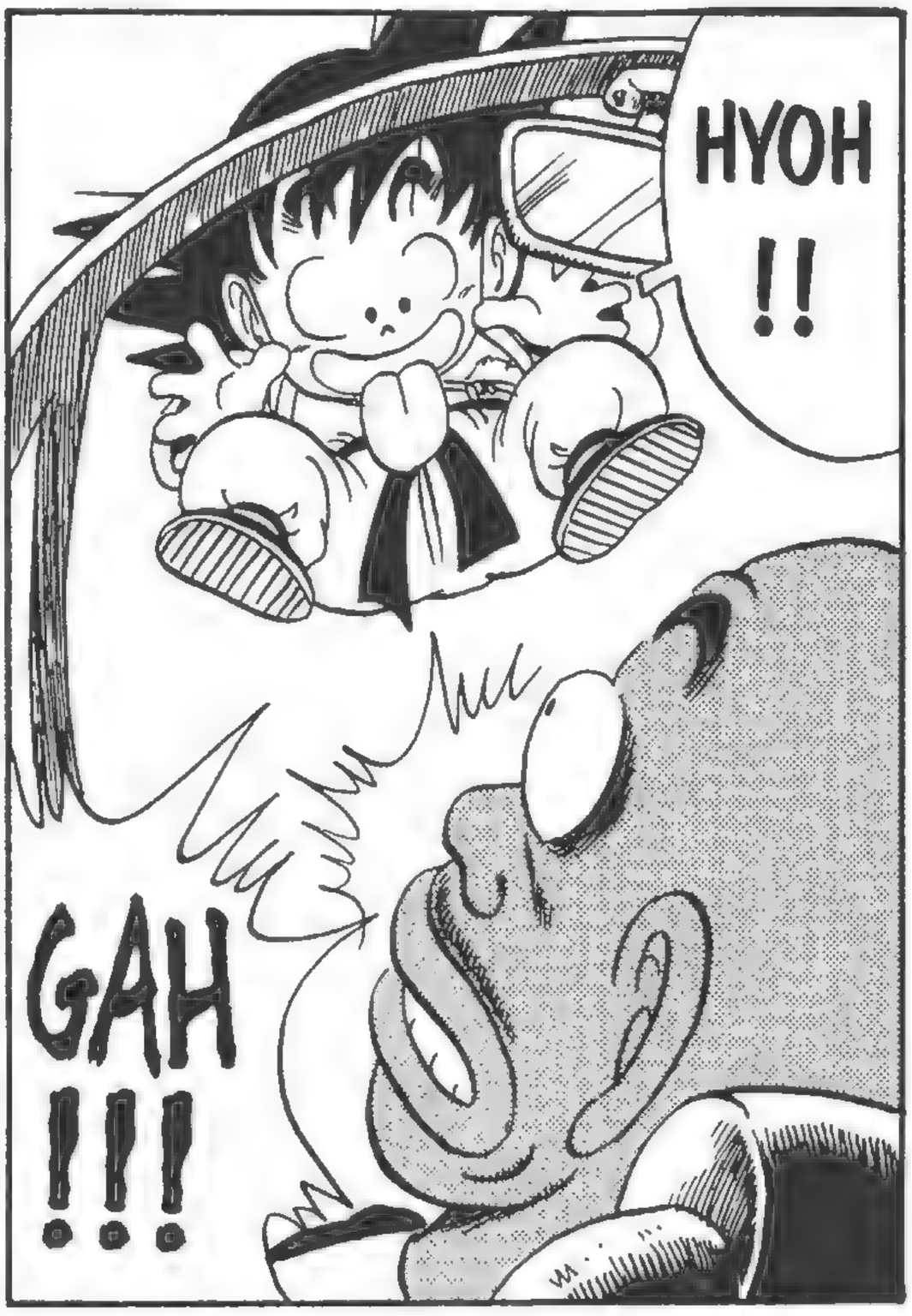
ALL HAIL THE RED RIBBON ARMY!!

I STAND SUPREME !!


I GUESS HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW FAST I AM!
R R
BOING

EH ?
TAP
IT'S JUST A SHAME THAT THOSE DRAGON BALLS HE WAS CARRYING WERE DESTROYED ALONG WITH HIM....
TSK.

PRETTY COOL, HUH ?
YOU'RE-- YOU'RE-- !!!


HYOH !!
GAH !!!

YARGH !!!!

KRIII

WHOOPS!

...

WHAK

...WILL...

DIE...

!!!

...YOU...

HA HA! YOU'RE DUMB!

GR

DON'T MOVE SO FAST!

HYOONNN—

BOMM

TAP

WHOA !!

...ALL RIGHT, THEN... !!

GLANCE

AND BLOW YOU TO BITS-- ALONG WITH THIS BASE!!!

I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO RELEASE THIS MISSILE

PWOK

HEY...

WHAT'S HE TURNING UPSIDE DOWN LIKE THAT FOR?

WIIIIN

THIS TIME IS *REALLY* THE END !!!!

KCH

4211

PII PIII

DOOOSH

HEY! THAT'S ONE OF THOSE BOMB THINGS !!!!

WHAT.... IN THE.... ?!

SSSHHHHH

HYAH !!!!

GONG

HYOONNN

OWW--
!!!

Z-GOOOM

WH-
WHAT
?!!!

SHEESH...

THAT WAS A NICE MOUNTAIN, TOO...

I'LL KILL YOU-- ONE OF THESE DAYS !!!

RED RIBBON

BOMM

YOU'LL REGRET THIS !!!

N-NO ONE'S THAT STRONG...

WH-WHAT IS THIS FREAK?!

...AND I DON'T LET BAD GUYS GET AWAY !!!

NNN

BUT HE'S A BAD GUY....

KONG

HUH?!! IS HE RUNNIN' AWAY ?!

FINALLY

...IT CAN'T BE...!!

...N-NO WAY...

CRR

DWOK

DOOM

PHEW!

ONLY ONE DRAGON BALL LEFT TO GO !!

CAPSULE CORP.

HANG ON, GOKU-- WE'RE COMING TO SAVE YOU!!

THERE IT IS!! THE RED RIBBON ARMY'S BASE!!

TO BE CONTINUED...

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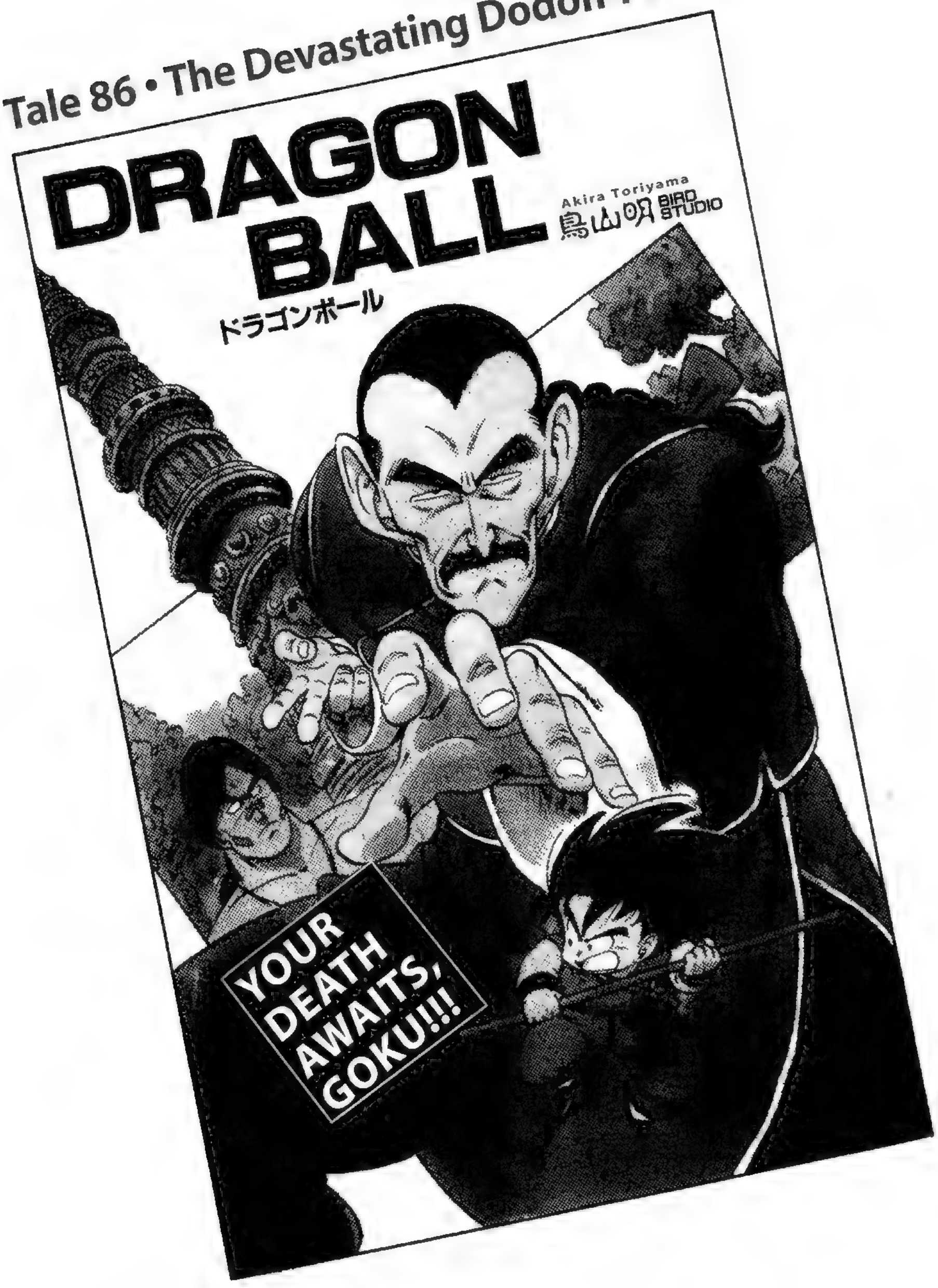

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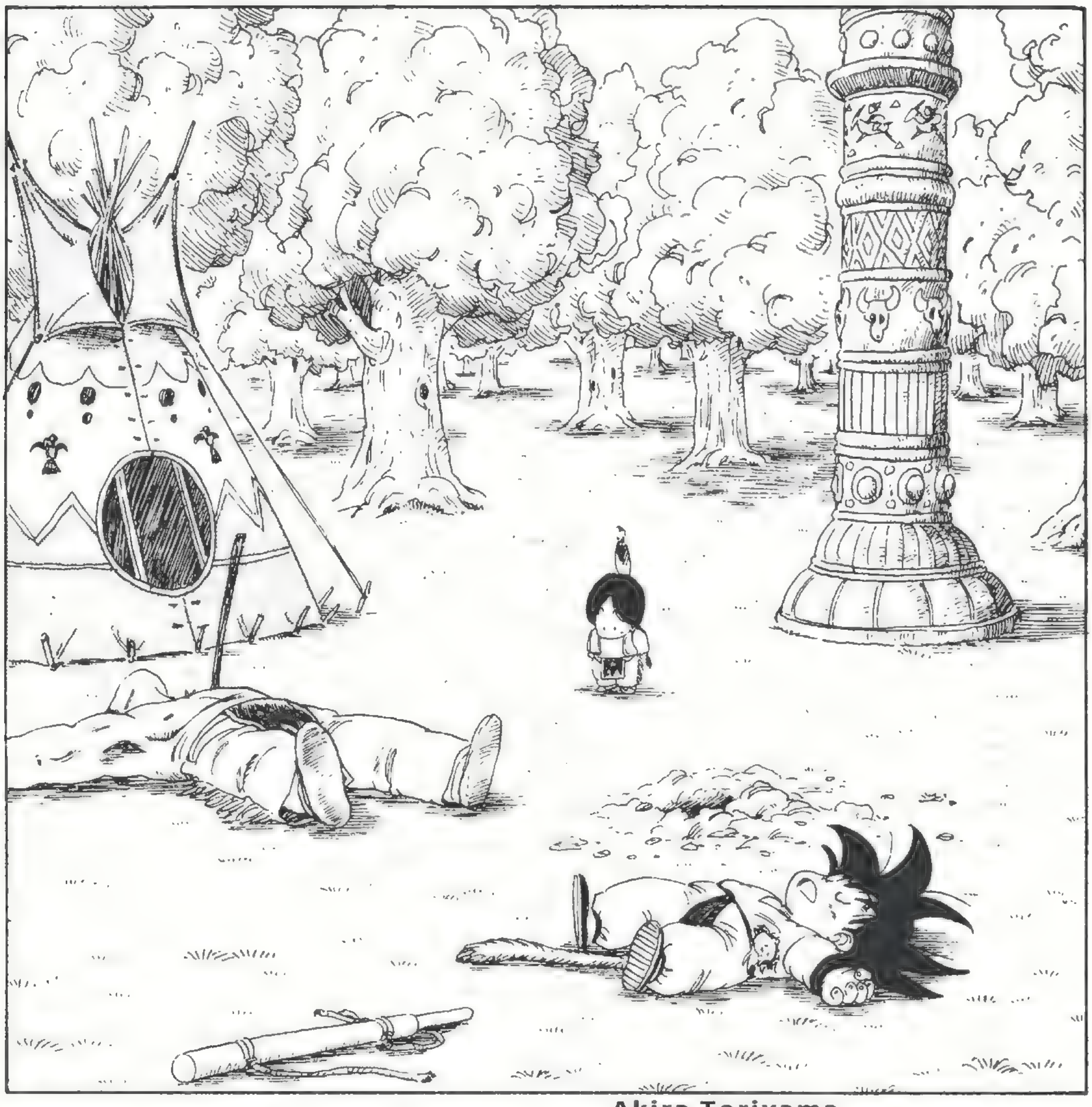

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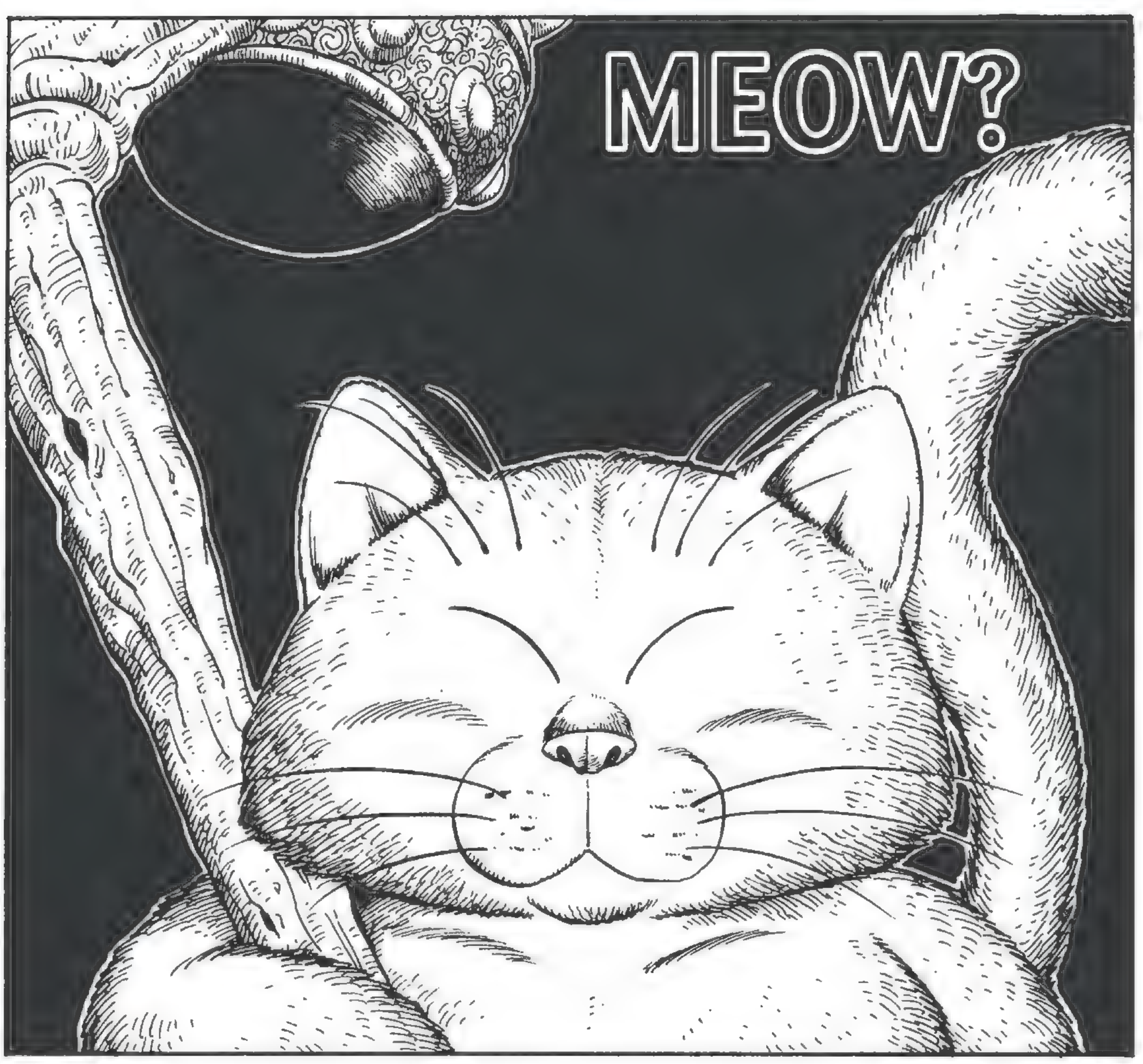
YOU'VE MADE IT TO THE TOP!
BUT WHO'S WAITING FOR YOU?



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JUST ONE DROP... AND YOU'LL GET STRONGER!

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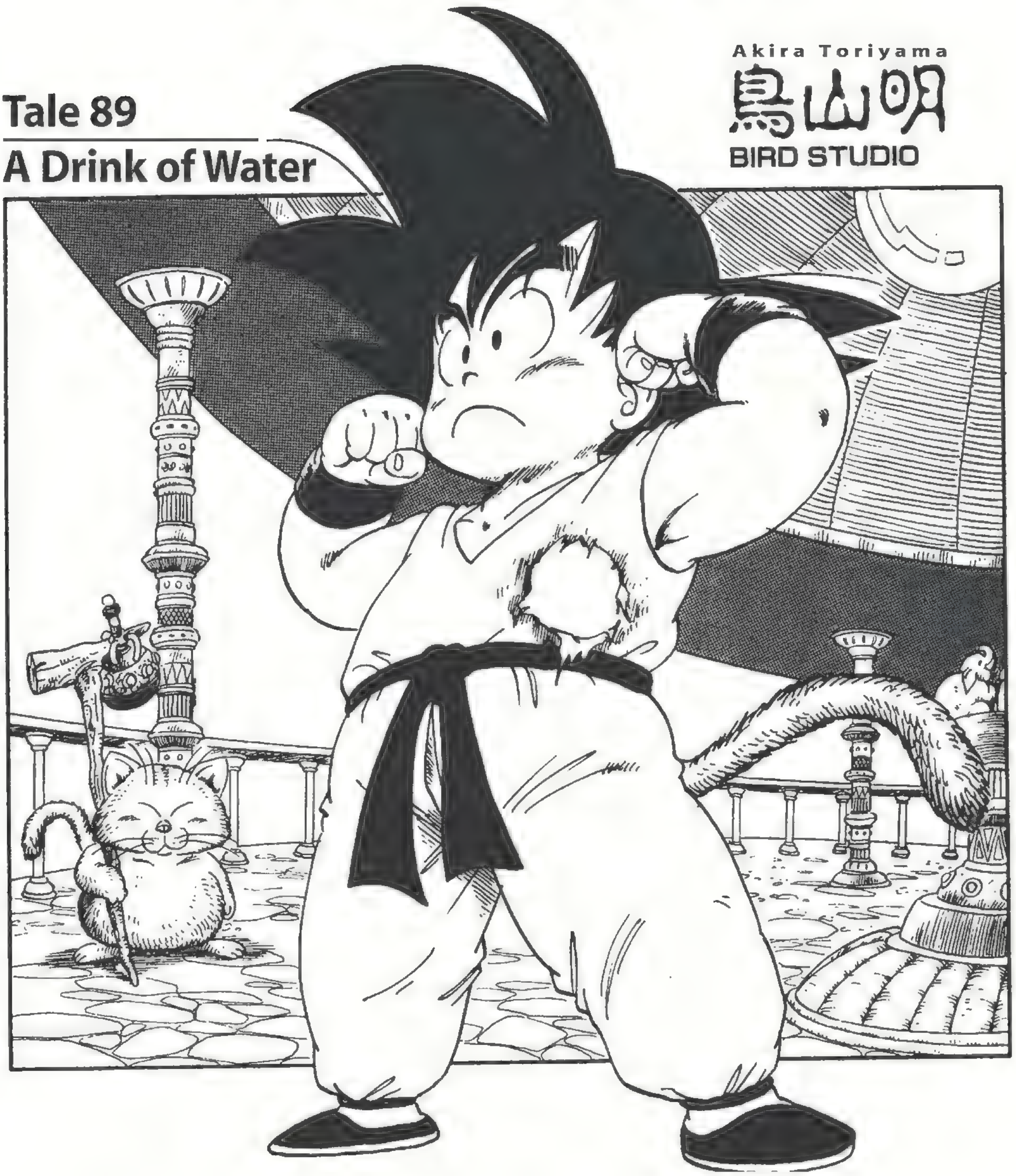
A Drink of Water



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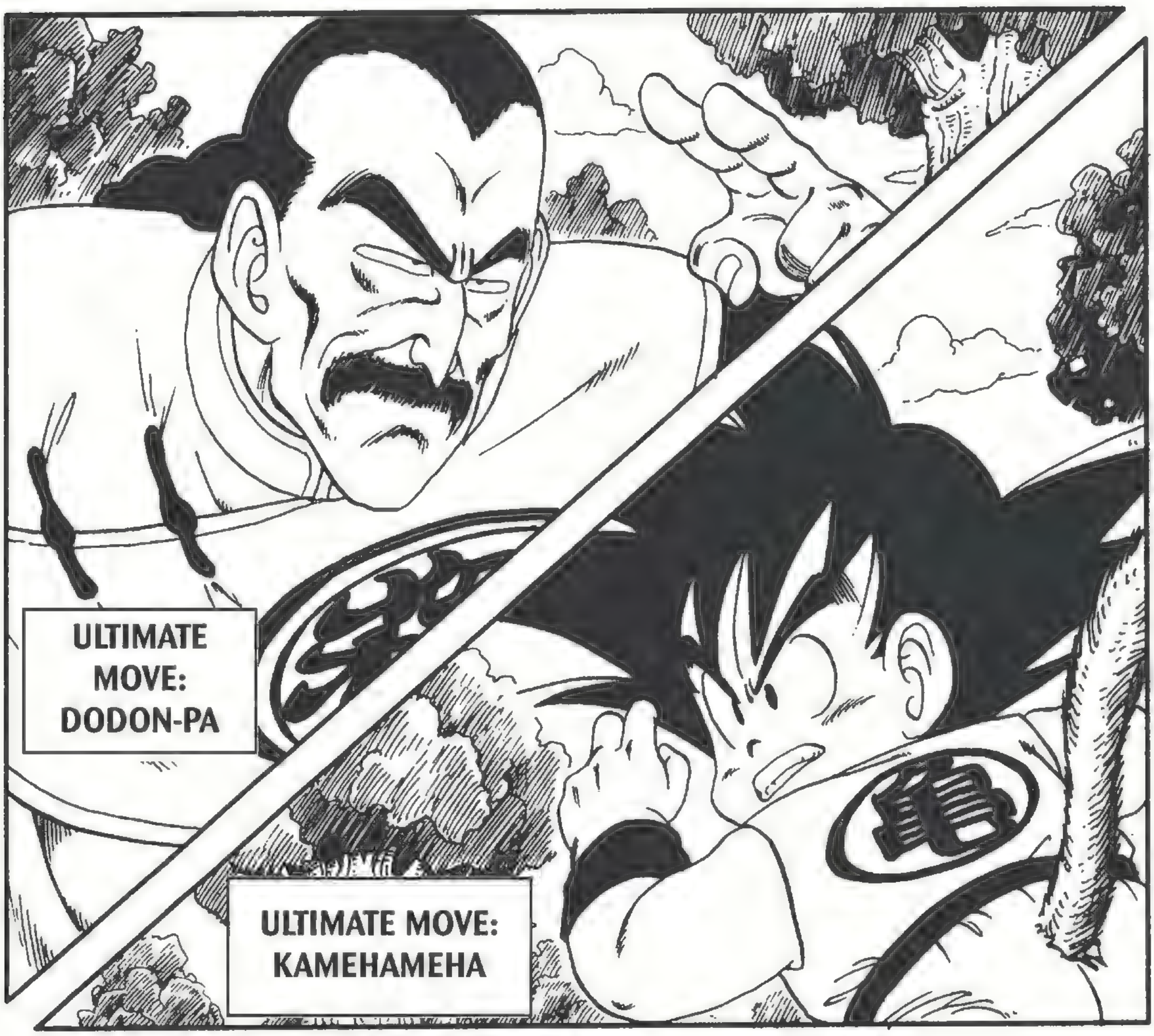
ONCE MORE, THE BIG BATTLE!

Tale 90 • Son Goku Strikes Back!



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Tale 91 • Battle in the Sanctuary!!

WHO
WILL
WIN?

ドラゴンボール

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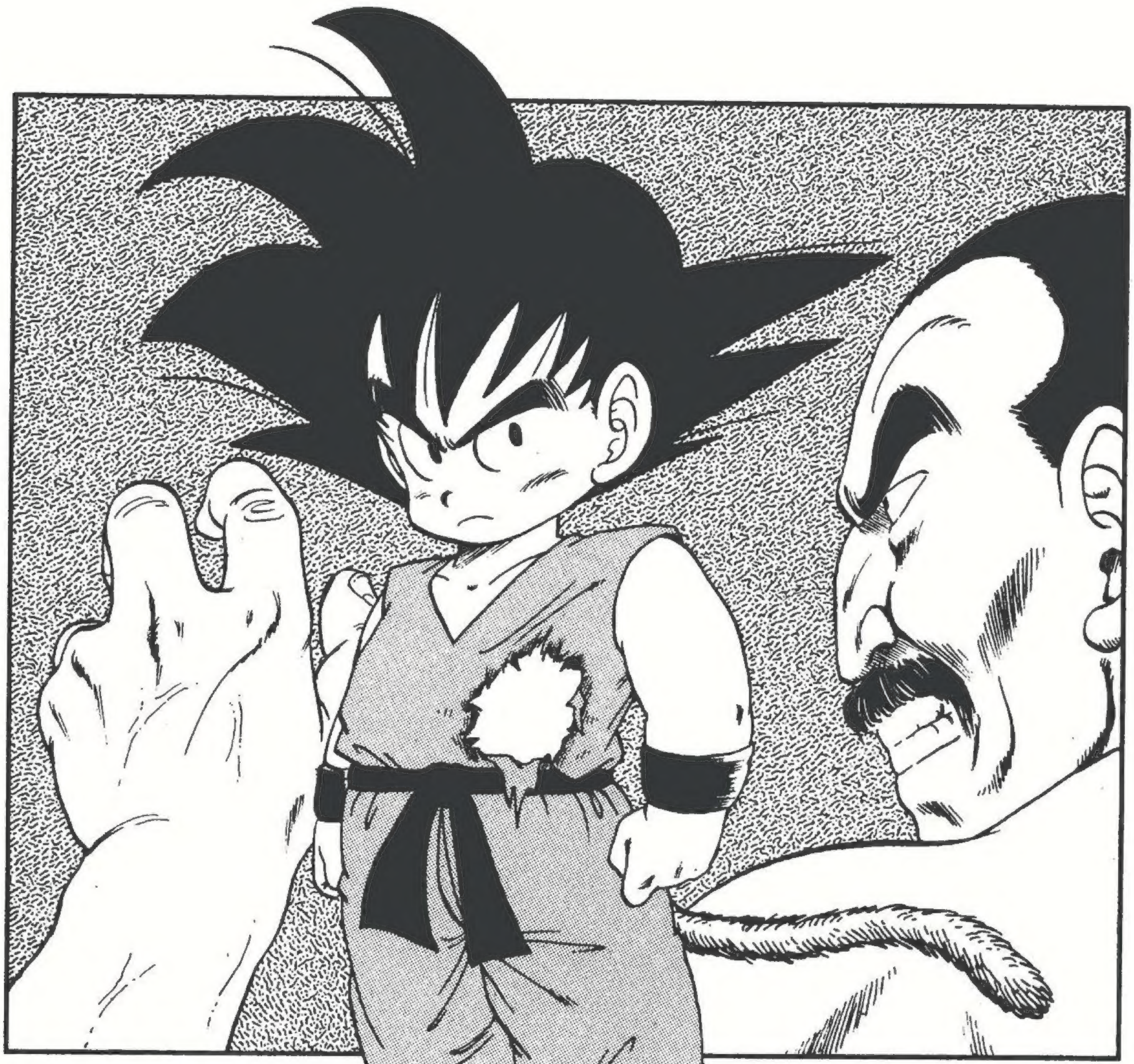
I'LL BEAT YOU WITH MY BARE HANDS!



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TAKING THE FIGHT TO THEIR FRONT DOOR!!!

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Tale 93 • Goku's Charge

DRAGON BALL

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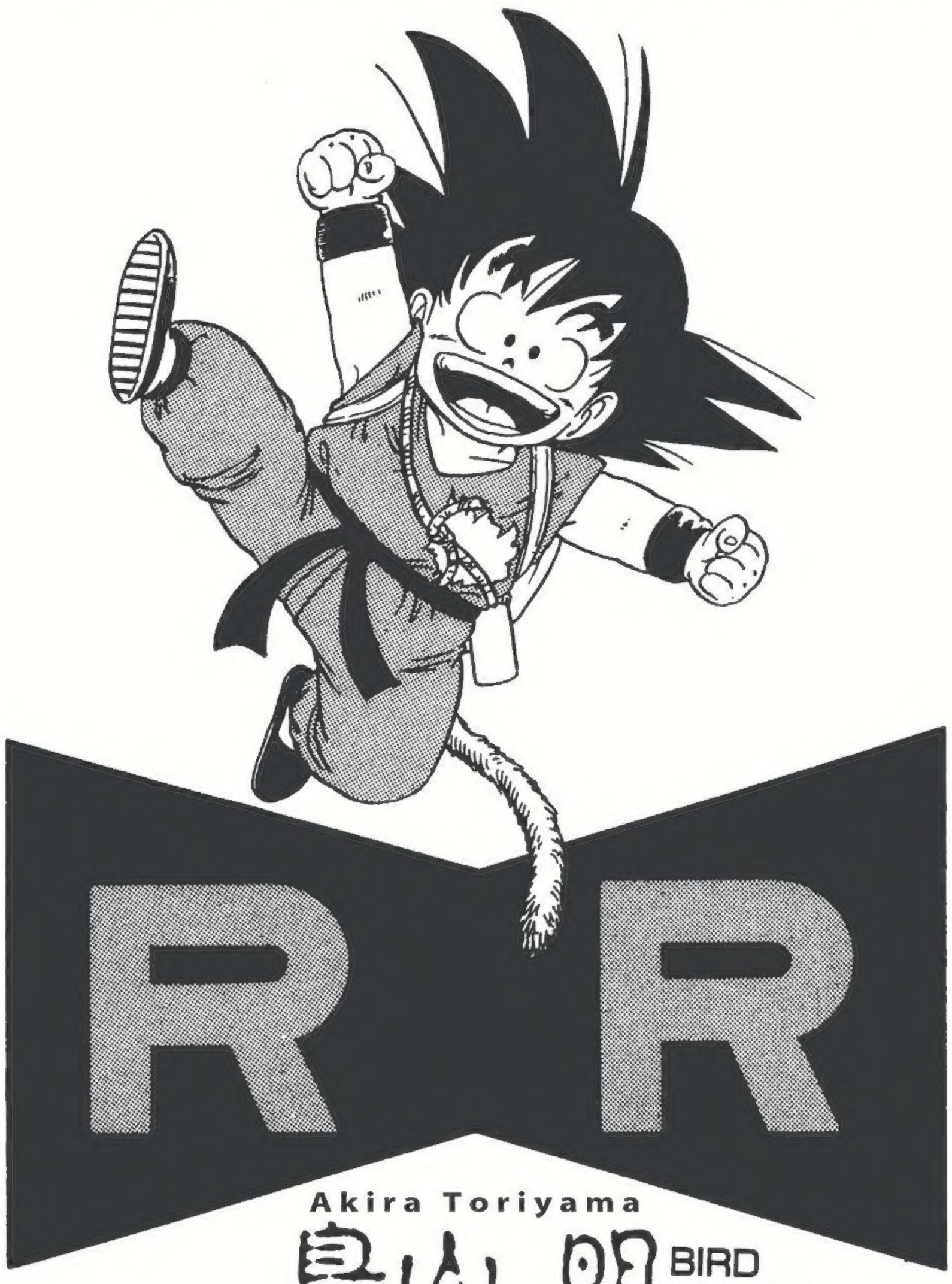
THERE'S NO TURNING BACK NOW!!!



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